AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources and acting Minister of Public Works and Housing Hisham Al Khatib left for Sanna Sanday to take part in the eighth session of the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) ministers of housing due to start there Tuesday. The meeting will discuss ways of carrying out the minutes of a housing and building agreement signed on the periphery meetings of last ACC summit in Sanna. The meeting is also scheduled to discuss the results of the four joint committees with the ACC ministers of housing formed. These committees are a committee entersted with the study of promiserational structures committees when the ACC ministers in account the committee are: a committee entrusted with the study of organisational structures based in Sanuas; a committee entrusted in unifying specifications based in Cairo; a Bagddad-based committee is entrusted with unifying artistic terms, contracts, procedures concerning contracts, the basis of classifying contractors and foundation of an information bank for consultative work in terms, contracts, processor of an information bank for consultative works an contractors and foundation of an information bank for consultative works an contracts; and another Amman-based committee is entrusted with the exchange of information, expertise, research and charged with encouraging cooperation among engineering consultative offices.

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His Majesty King Hussein Sunday presents an award to Rez Ben Zayed Al Uzaki in recognition of

his contribution to literature in Jordan (Petra

King honours pioneers in Eculture, literature, arts

It & King Hussein Sunday presented lak state awards to leading Jordaout nians in the fields of culture. k b literature and arts. In a celebration held to honour those who id we excelled in these fields, the King des presented the awards to Husmior Fariz, and Rox Ben Zayed Al Apa Uzaizi in the field of literature. non Dr. Abdul Karim Al-Gharaibeh ide of in the field of social sciences and in hi the late cartoonist Rabah Al tate Saghir in the field of arts. Enare couragement awards were en a granted to Jamal Naji, Mnanis Al

on the field of literature. niels Minister of Information and Culture Nasouh Al Majali delivered a speech at the ceremony. He said it was a great honour to celebrate the occasion under the patronage of His Majesty and happy for having His Majesty.

honouring the winners." He said that since the establish- and theatre."

Jordan flourished under the patronage of the Hashemite kings and princes who gave culture in this country its Arab and humanitarian values and encouraged innovators. Thus, the minister added, "it was not strange that Jordan witnessed a live developing culture that has its deep roots and Arab values which was related to the various fields of innovation."

Majali said the awards were intended to ascend to the level of efforts exerted by innovators to of the country.

"feels proud of its cultural achievements and of its pioneer role on the Arab level, and is taking its role in the best way in archaeology, libraries, information and documentation, folklore

The minister reviewed Jordan's

dan the cultural movement in development in the fields of arts, and literature and made an evaluation for the achievements attained in the fields and the challenges facing them in the

> Uzaizi delivered a speech in which he lauded the Great Arab Revolt and its role in liberating the Arab people from colonialism which he described as political and cultural slavery. He said the awards granted to the winners complement the role of the Great Arab Revolt.

Uzaizi praised the King's role promote the cultural, civilisation - in encouraging education and the al and intellectual development cultural movement by founding universities and cultural institu-Majali added that Jordan tions and presenting awards for those distinguished in their fields.

Attending the celebration were Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, Upper House of Parlia-Royal Court Chief Mudar Badran, the King's Political Advisor Adnan Abu Odeh and ministers and senior officials.



Hooded Palestinians wave flags and display a portrait of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Jeru-

independent Palestinian state marking the first anniversory of the Palestinian declaration of an

122 Palestinians killed by Israeli plastic bullets

(Agencies) — Israeli troops have killed 122 Palestinians with plastic bullets since they were introduced in July 1988 to reduce deaths in battling the 23-mouthold Palestinian uprising, an Israeli army spokesman said

Army figures released Sunday said 525 Palestinians, 11 Israeli settlers and eight soldiers have been killed inside the occupied territories in the revolt. It said 68 of the dead Palesti-

nians were children under 14. The army introduced plastic ballets to reduce the number of casualties inflicted by soldiers who opened fire to disperse stone-throwing demonstrators in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip:

An unofficial toll compiled by Reuters has counted 579 Palestinians killed by Israeli troops or civilians and 44 Jews killed in the uprising. It included Jews killed inside the green line.

The army said 8,704 Palestiians, 793 Israeli civilians and 1,592 soldiers have been injured in the West-Bank and Gaza Strip since December 1987, the start of the uprising.....

The army is currently holding 9,221 Palestinians in jails — 1,716

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM of them in "administrative detention" without trial and about 4,400 awaiting trial or indictment,

a spokesman said. The statistics showed the army has destroyed 244 houses in the occupied territories to punish Palestinian activists.

Troops shot and wounded eight demonstrators in the Gaza Strip Sunday, Palestinians said. Police said that 170 cars have

been set on fire in the city since the beginning of the year, most by Palestinians for nationalistic

An alleged Palestinian informant for Israel's "security service" arrested on suspicion of strangling seven people in Tel Aviv said Sunday he was motivated by religious reasons and killed the victims as "prostitutes and collaborators" with Israel.

The suspect, Mohammad Halabi, 34, surrendered without a struggle Sunday after troops and agents kicked in the door of a ack where he was sleeping in the Gaza Strip town of Khan

Yums, police officials said. The seven victims, which included four Jews and three Arabs, were strangled with a nylon rope, and their bodies were found Oct. 20 in two apartments in Tel Aviv and Jaffa.

"It's certain. I killed them," Halabi shouted at reporters as he was led handcuffed into Tel Aviv's police station. "Why? I am now religious... there were some among them who were collaborators and others among them who were prostitutes."

Halabi also thanked the Mushim fundamentalist Hamas (zeal) group "for making me a good and religious man who believes in God.

The group has been in the forefront of the Palestinian uprising. Its elderly spiritual leader, Sheikh Ahmad Yassin, and hundreds of members are now in jail awaiting trial on charges that include killing of Palestinians and assistance in the killing of two Israeli soldiers.

Police were checking if Halabi was linked to Hamas or "used the name for convenience," police said in a telephone interview.

Israeli newspapers said Halabi began working as an informant for the Shin Bet in 1985 after serving five years of an 11-year sentence on charges including drug dealing and prostitution.

There have been repeated allegations that the Shin Bet agency uses petty criminals as informers in the occupied terri-

PLO answers U.S. on talks proposal

TUNIS (Agencies) - The Pales- Shamir said Sunday he would do tine Liberation Organisation (PLO) sent an answer for Washington Sunday on U.S. proposals for direct Israeli-Palestinian talks in Cairo, a PLO official said

Khaled Al Hassan told Reuters the PLO, after several days of debate on U.S. clarifications it received earlier, sent its response to the Egyptian government for transmission to the United States. Asked what it contained, he

said: "We always take a positive

position but we reject the negative attitude of others." The PLO has said that it must choose the Palestinian delegation to the proposed meeting in Cairo and it asked the United States for assurances that Washington was committed to a Middle East set-

tlement in line with its official

The United States advocates Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories according to U.N. Resolutions 242 and 338.

The text of Washington's original answer to the PLO has not been published but Palestinian leaders said it was vague.

Israel says it must have the right to vet the Palestinian delegation and wants to restrict the agenda to its plan for elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The PLO says the agenda should be open to all

Hassan was a member of the small group which drafted the final PLO position. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak

his utmost to implement his prop-osed election plan, but ruled out any negotiations with the PLO.

Shamir, in an interview on the American CBS news programme, "Face the Nation" repeated that Israel "cannot negotiate with the PLO because they are opposed" to the election initiative.

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker is attempting to secure Israeli and Palestinian agreement to a five-point formula designed to coax the two sides into what would be the first direct negotiations they have ever held.

Shamir has refused to consider the idea of Israel ever withdrawing from the West Bank or Gaza

The Israeli prime minister, on a week-long visit to the United States, said his talks with President George Bush in Washington last week were frank.

"It was frank, but friends have to be frank," Shamir said. "I have a feeling that we have a full understanding of all the issues." Shamir favours elections on the

West Bank and Gaza Strip in which Palestinians would choose people to represent them in any talks with Israel. In the interview, Shamir ap-

planded changes in Eastern Europe. "It is encouraging," he said.
"My only concern is that it is

going on in Eastern Europe and not in the Middle East and you cannot but see this gap between the developments in Eastern Europe and the Middle East."

U.S. sees Lebanese ordeal nearing end

leader Winston Churchill.

EHDEN, Lebanon (Agencies) — U.S. Ambassador John McCarthy, returning briefly to his post to show support for new President Rene Muzwad, said Sunday the storm of Lebanon's 14-year

civil war seemed "nearly over." In a long-deferred diplomatic ceremony, McCarthy presented his credentials to Muawad in a village in the north, outside the Christian enclave that is resisting the new president's effort to remnify the country.

He then headed back to Damascus after little more than 24 hours in the country.

U.S. diplomats were evacuated Sept. 6 because of anti-American protests by supporters of Christian General Michel Aoun.

Muawad, a Maronite Christian, has so far failed to form a national unity government grouping all warring factions as stipulated in an internationally-backed peace pact.

Some 3,000 supporters flocked to Muawad's home in Ehden to greet the U.S. envoy.

Women danced in the streets, trilled cries of joy, threw flowers and offered sweets.

But in Christian east Beirut, another 3,000 people demonstrated to shout support for Aoun, who ruled the enclave during a 13-month gap between presidents and considers Muawad a Syrian

will never surrender." read a Aoun's control. banner quoting British wartime

because it does not ensure the departure of 33,000 Syrian McCarthy told Mnawad: "My president sent me here today to extend his personal support to the

Aoun rejects the peace plan

very important work that you are about to begin."
"Over 14 years, nearly 15,

Lebanon has undergone perhaps the greatest test that any democracy can undergo... it seems to us now that like great ships you are in fact approaching the end of

"There is damage aboard this ship. People have become ill during the process. Institutions have become frail. But the storm is nearly over, the ship is nearly back to port."

Muawad replied to the envoy: "I am honoured at this bitter times to receive your credentials that make you the first ambassador accredited to the new republic, the republic of national reconciliation.

McCarthy left by road for Damascus after the ceremony and a lunch hosted by Muawad. He was to catch a flight for the United States, sources said. It was not clear when he planned to return to base...

calling for the resignation of the

It was the first time in Lebanon's modern history that a foreign ambassador has presented his credentials to the outside the traditional seat of the head of state in Baabda east of Beirut.

Bush also sent a message to Muawad stressing backing for the Arab League-brokered peace pact approved by parliament at a special session held last month in the Saudi Arabian resort town of Taif, despite the objections of

McCarthy became the first foreign diplomat to present his credentials to Muawad.

Bush assured the new president "the steadfast support of the United States for your presidency and for Lebanon.

"We intend to work hard in the days and weeks ahead to manifest our support," Bush said in his letter, text of which was made available to reporters by the Muawad's press office.

"I hope your election as president will finally bring an end to the senseless violence that Lebanon has had to endure for far too

"We believe that the implementation of the Taif agreement will be the first step towards the restoration of the unity, independence and sovereignty of Lebanon over all its territory, free from all foreign occupation,

Greece remains without

cahinet

ATHENS (R) — Politicians from Greece's three major parties -Conservatives, Socialists and Communists — met throughout the weekend for talks aimed at forming an all-party national unity government this week.

On Sunday, two weeks after national elections, Greece still had no government.

But political observers give the parties no better than a 50-50 chance of success when they meet President Christos Sartzetakis Monday in a last-ditch effort to head off the third national elec-

tion this year. In the past two weeks all the major parties have failed to find enough support in the 300-seat. parliament to form a government. The constitution requires that they seek a unity government

before elections are called. Greek voters, many of whom must return at their own expense to remote villages and islands to vote, have become impatient with repeat elections. Party officials appeared to be making vigorous efforts to find a compromise gov-

The main stumbling block now is a demand by Socialist Party leader Andreas Papandreou. 70. prime minister from 1981 until his defeat in the June election, that the new government change the voting law to simple proportional representation.

This would make an absolute majority virtually impossible for the conservative New Democracy Party, which has fallen just short of 151 seats in two elections this year. It won 148 seats in the Nov. poll.

Although the changes might cut Papandreou's 128 seats and raise the Communists' 21 seats, it could also make a left-wing Socialist-Communist coalition the only possible combination for a stable, long-term Greek government.

Paparidreou has called for a eftist coalition for months. But the Communists, who

oined forces with the Conservatives after the June poll to send Papandreon to trial on corruption charges, have resisted his over-

Despite the charges Papan-dreou increased his vote in November, Little has been said about the case since he reemerged as a major political player, and members of his party may even join his accusers in a national unity government.

"We will go on to the end. We Beirut suburb of Ankar, under Bush added.

WEST BERLIN (Agencies) -East German pro-democracy demonstrators took to the streets of several cities Sunday, while Communist authorities published a study detailing glaring deficiencies in the country's troubled

Tens of thousands marched. demanding the Communist Party relinquish its constitutional monopoly on power and calling for the former leadership to be held accountable for the country's crisis, the state-run news agency ADN said.

The demonstrators also called for basic civil liberties and measures to save local monuments. ADN said.

The biggest of the rallies and marches — all organised by artists and other cultural workers was in the southern city of Dresden where some 50,000 demanded politicians responsible for the country's problems be

They also called for disgraced artists to be rehabilitated as well as for solidarity with the Romanian people and peaceful demonstrators in Czechoslovakia, since of clashes with police on Friday and more protests Sunday.

In East Berlin, several thousand people marched through town waving placards and some carrying a coffin to mark the demise of the state security ministry, downgraded to an office of national security in the new coalition government.
"For exchange: East Germany for Mickey Mouse," read one placard, poking fun at the country's political crisis. The marchers planted their pla-

cards and draped their banners ment) before dispersing peace-People were also out on the streets in Frankfurt an der Oder, Schwedt, Kari-Marx-Stadt, Gera,

Neustrelitz, Meiningen and Erfurt in one of the most widespread recent protest actions. It was such "people power" protests that brought a change in the leadership and then forced concessions from the new team in the past month, thrusting it onto

a path of reform that has included opening the Berlin Wall. In Frankfurt an der Oder. on the Polish border, some 10,000 people demanded an independent newspaper for the town and the removal of article one in the constitution which enshrines the

party's leading role. The demonstrators in Gera protested against the abuse of power by officials while 20,000 artists and other citizens in Erfurt demanded an end to censorship in culture.

People at various rallies and marches complained about the poor state of monuments and buildings and demanded New Forum, the leading opposition movement, be officially recog-

In Prague, thousands of Czechoslovaks marched Sunday

conservative Communist lead-The crowd, estimated at over 20,000, gathered in central Wenceslas Square and began marching down national street

It was the third consecutive day of anti-government demonstrations in Prague.

On Friday a march by 50,000 people, the biggest protest since 1969, the first anniversary of the Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia, was broken up by baton-wielding riot police, and there were smaller rallies Saturday.

On Sunday the police stayed in the background, though some streets along the route had been barricaded off.

The marchers shouted "punish the murderers," an apparent reference to reports that a 20-yearold student died in Friday's demonstration after being beaten by

The government denied anyone had died and dissident sources who originally reported the death said they now had doubts about the truth of the report.

The protesters paused briefly

at the spot on national street where the youth was reported to have died.

In an eight-day whirlwind of political change in Eastern Europe, Bulgaria's orthodox leader Todor Zhivkov has been DI COTTUI tion and misrule on his face, and the new leader Petar Mladenov chanting "Jakes out," referring to
Communist Party leader Milos

on ting free polls. porting free polls. In their biggest independent

demonstration since World War II, jubilant Bulgarians massed in Sofia Saturday shouting for democracy and for Zhivkov to stand trial in a show of people power unthinkable eight days

In Romania, Nicolae Ceausescu's iron-clad reign for a quarter century seemed no nearer to an end despite the drive for reform in Eastern Europe and his growing isolation as the Soviet bloc's last post-Stalinist leader.

The Romanian party rallied round Ceausescu Saturday to support his policies ahead of a party congress set to open on Monday in Bucharest, Agerpres news agency reported.

Romania has banned several foreign reporters from covering the congress and has virtually sealed its border with reformist Hungary, turning away hundreds of travellers as part of heavy security precautions for the con-

New Moldavia leader blames party for unrest border with Romania.

KISHINYOV, Soviet Union (R) — Soviet Moldavia's new Communist Party chief, appointed amid surging national and social unrest, suggested Sunday his ousted predecessor bore much blame for tension in the republic.

In televised remarks echoing criticism of disgraced old-style leaders now resounding across Eastern Europe, Pyotr Luchinsky said the Moldavian party had moved too slowly towards reform and pledged he would keep close contact with the people.

"The party failed to lead the republic fast enough out of stagnation," he declared, using the now common term for the rule of late Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev with whom sacked local leader Stefan Grossu was closely linked.

"We reject the methods and approaches of the former era. We must do all we can to sure that we never resort to them again," declared Luchinsky, clearly chosen by the Kremlin to try to restore calm to Moldavia on the Soviet

The small republic, with just over four million people, is one of several around the rim of the Soviet Union where citizens are increasingly demanding greater autonomy from Moscow.

This has led to growing tension between ethnic Moldavians, closely related to the Romanians to the West, and Russians who have moved into the republic over the last four decades and fear they might be forced to leave.
On Nov. 7 Moldavian

nationalists, in an incident believed unprecedented in Soviet history, prevented a military parade in Kishinyov marking the anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution in

The subsequent arrest of some demonstrators led to more protests and clashes outside the Republic's Interior Ministry Nov. 10 in which local reports said more than 200 people were injured.

The protesters, largely supporters of the Popular Front

campaigning for wide linguistic and cultural rights, threw stones and petrol bombs at police, overturned cars and burned part of the ministry.

The front, which has been organising weekly demonstrations for several months, called for the removal of Grossu and many of his aides. Last Thursday the local party's central committee met to transfer Grossu to unspecified other

In his Sunday remarks, speaking alternately in Moldavian and Russian, the 59-yearold Luchinsky called for "dia-logue... hard work and above all strict observation of the law" if the republic's problems were to be solved.

He said he planned regular question-and-answer sessions on television "to get to know the problems that come up and what people are thinking - to be close to the issues that really

move our people.' Luchinsky, who himself headed the Kishinyov city party organisation for over a decade under Brezhnev, was switched back to his home republic after three years as party number two in the Central Asian Republic of Turkmenia. Answering questions in a

phone-in programme, he cal-led for consolidation and unity in the face of major economic and social problems --- themes increasingly promoted by Soviet President Mikhail Gor-And in a clear gesture of conciliation, he said the some

2,000 Interior Ministry troops moved into Kishinyov after the Nov. 10 clashes would be withdrawan on Monday. Popular front leaders said

they called off a planned raily on Sunday to avoid a repeat of the violence, for which they have also admitted bearing some blame.

A front spokesman, Yury Roshka, told Reuters his orgamisation wanted to avoid a confrontation with authorities which could be used to discredit the movement and brand its leaders as nationalist extrem-

Sudan government, rebels to hold direct peace talks

a hike in sugar prices demons-

trated growing domestic confidence by the 15-man ruling junta.

able in power to free Mahdi from

jail and raise the price of sugar in

less than 48 hours," a diplomat

The ousted Mahdi raised sugar

prices 500 per cent last December

out was forced to rescind the hike

after protests and a national

announced late Saturday that the

price of sugar would be more than doubled with immediate

The Khartoum daily Al Engaz

Al Watani reported that Mahdi,

head of the Democratic Unionist

Party (DUP), Mohammad Al

Mirghani and Hassan Al Tourabi,

leader of the National Islamic

Party (NIF), had been freed from

jail and placed under house

port could not immediately be

officially confirmed. The three

were arrested shortly after a June 30 coup toppled Mahdi's govern-

The latest price rise from 1.25

pounds (28 cents) to three pounds

(66 cents) for a pound of sugar

may be academic for many in

view of the chronic shortage of

Notoriously sweet-toothed

Sudan's junta in September

Sudanese may have to resort to

the black market where sugar

prices are 50 times higher.

the commodity.

Finance Minister Saved Zaki

They must be very comfort-

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan's military government and southern rebels agreed to hold direct peace talks next month as the ruling junta showed growing confidence in its grip on power.

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter announced Sunday in the Kenyan capital Nairobi that Sudan and rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) had agreed to talks without preconditions there on Dec.

"If they want a mediator I will help them," Carter told repor-

'The issue of peace is a basic one which can only be settled through negotiations," military ruler General Omar Al Bashir was quoted as saying by Khartourn newspapers Sunday.

We are ready to sit and negotiate with (SPLA leader John) Garang's movement anywhere and at any time."

The only round of peace talks between the SPLA and the junta was held in Ethiopia in August. It collapsed over the issue of Islamic Sharia Laws rejected by the mainly animist and Christian southerners since their halfhearted introduction in 1983 as

another symptom of domination by the Arabised Muslim North. Carter, in Nairobi to chair peace negotiations between neighbouring Ethiopia and rebels fighting in its northern Eritrea province, said he was authorised to make the talks announcement

by both Bashir and Garang. Shortly before the talks were announced, a Sudanese paper reported the military junta freed from jail ousted Prime Minister

Diplomats said the release and

hiked bread prices 25 per cent, saying it planned to gradually slash all state subsidies.

Zaki said subsidies were costing Sudan 3.5 billion pounds (\$777 million) a year, 1.2 billion (\$266 million) for sugar. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has for years demanded their re-

The sugar price hike came two days before the end of a national *economic conference which opened last month to find remedies for the country's econo-

The conference's resolutions will provide the basis for future talks with the IMF, the government said. Sudan owes the IMF \$1.4 billion in arrears, foreign

Sudan, declared ineligible for fresh funds by the IMF in 1986, has a foreign debt estimated at nearly \$14 billion.

Economic problems were compounded by devastating drought in 1984 and 1985, floods and famine in 1988 and a locust inva-

Solving the six-year-old southern rebellion will ease what has been an additional strain on Sudan's meagre resources.

Just before Carter's announement, junta member Colonel Mohammed Al Amin Khalifa said a new round of talks with Garang's movement would start

"Serious preparations are being made to enter negotiations with the other side," he was quoted as saying by the Khar-toum daily Al Sudan Al Hadeith

Sunday.

Khalifa said Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak had agreed to host such talks in Cairo.

refuse the example of the wolf Central Bank sources said and the lamb," he told a news

The Egyptian embassy said one Egyptian was killed and 70 were injured in street battles in Baghdad Friday and scores of Egyptian and Iraqis were

port sent to the Foreign Ministry in Cairo, one was killed and 70 were wounded," Charge d'Affaires Labib Ibrahim told Reuters. "Scores from both sides are under arrest and an investigation

month after Baghdad cut the level of permitted remittances to 10 dinars (\$30) a month from 25 dinars (\$75). About one million Egyptians

work in Iraq but thousands have

Witnesses said earlier up to eight Egyptians might have been killed in Friday's clashes between workers celebrating Egypt's World Cup soccer victory

Ibrahim confirmed reports that a truck drove into a crowd of about 5,000 Egyptians, The pact retains the tradi-tional system of allocating posts by religion but switches power from the Christian president to a Muslim-led cabinet. It fails to set a date for the withdrawal of 33,000 Syrian troops from the country.

By Simon Martin

BEIRUT — Lebanon's power

struggle will last for months

even if its new president suc-

ceeds in forming a credible

unity cabinet, diplomats and

Two weeks after taking

office, Rene Muawad spent

Sunday holding what one newspaper called last-chance

talks with Christian and Mus-

lim politicians in the northern

Muawad, acclaimed by the

world but reviled by many fel-

low Christians as a pro-Syrian

collaborator, is striving to form

a national reconciliation

cabinet as part of an Arab-

sponsored peace pact approved by parliament the day it elected him.

Whatever the outcome,

army chief Michel Aoun -

assured of solid grassroots

Christian support and the

lovalties of his troops - will

not be budged easily from the presidential palace, in east

Beirut, or the one-quarter of

And reuniting a people tom

apart by 14 years of war may

take decades, analysts believe.
"The risk for Muawad is that

the longer the situation goes

on, the less credible it all

looks," said a diplomat. "As

time goes on, it all plays into

Aoun's hands and proves that Taif will not work," he added referring to the Saudi resort

where deputies debated the

Arab League's Lebanon peace

nite ruling us. Now we have two," said one resident of west

"Before, we had one Maro-

Aoun says Syria will swallo

Lebanon if the peace pact in-itially approved by Christian and Muslim deputies in Sandi

Arabia, is implemented. "We

the country he controls.

political analysts say.

town of Ehden.

The power struggle began in September 1988, when Aoun's administration and a rival Syrian-backed cabinet both claimed legitimacy after parliament failed to elect a presi-

Aoun began a six-month "liberation war" in March to expel foreign forces and said this was his only goal. Opponents call him "Napol-Aoun" and accuse him of presidential

In a gesture emphasising Aoun's international isolation, U.S. Ambassador John McCarthy returned to Lebanon Saturday to present his credentials to Muawad. The Americans quit their embassy in east Beirut in September because of fears for their

Professing indifference to governments, Aoun said he would take his case to the world's people. Meanwhile, say diplomats and journalists, he appears increasingly relaxed and confident.

"Muawad is under great pressure to push ahead, but how? "a diplomat said. "If Muawad asked the Syrians to help him (militarily), that's the end of his presidency. I don't take the idea of military pressure too seriously."

"Iraqi arms supplies have stopped but Aoun probably has enough to last him for immediate purposes."

Signs of a possible fiscal blockade emerged when east Beirut bankers accused the Central Bank in the west of cutting off funds to its branch at Jounieh in the Falangist

Aoun caused the banknote

Lebanese youths display posters of General Michel Aoun to support his rejection of Tail

shortage by withholding tax money collected in the enclave

Lebanon faces long power struggle

How could Muawad bring Aoun to heel? "I think the new government will start exerting political and financial pressure and take administrative measures," said Marwan Hemadi. political adviser to Druze chief Walid Jumblatt.

However, Aoun controls assets west Berrut needs, such as water and electricity supplies, grain silos and a major

Mnawad and his Prime

Minister Selim Hoss are counting on George Saadeh, president of the Falange Party, togive their cabinet some claim to a broad base. Saadeh has not announced a decision and opinion differ on his import-

"A unity government all depends on whether the Falange can go along with national unity or bend to Aoun's pressure," said Hemadi. "With an internationally recognised president, Aoun is in a much weaker position now." But a diplomat said Saadeh's

support would in itself not make a Muawad government credible. "Muawad was undermined

by the circumstances of his election — it was pre-cooked some months in advance. This exercise has done no one any good, least of all Muawad." Syria lobbied openly for Muawad before the poll.

Samir Geagea, leader of the 10,000-strong Lebanese Forces (LF) militia which fought against Aoun's troops in February, is apparently sticking with Aoun at present.

Fresh battles in Ethiopia eclipse peace talks

northern Ethiopia have eclipsed peace talks between the Marxist government and separatist rebels opening in Nairobi Monday.

As negotiators from Ethiopia and the rebel Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) assembled in the Kenyan capital Sunday for the talks, another rebel group said it had stormed a key Wollo province, killing 500 troops and taking 150 others pris-

Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) rebels — fighting since 1975 to topple the government - said 450 more govern-

UNITED NATIONS (Agen-

cies) - The United Nations

Relief and Works Agency (UN-

RWA) for Palestine refugees has

drawn up a budget of \$242.3

million for the year 1990 and a

meeting of donor countries is

currently underway here during

which it expects pledges of

According to a press release

by UNRWA, 40 countries have

already pledged (contributors; tot-

alling nearly \$76 million towards

The pledges were made

Thursday at the United Nations

in New York at the annual

pledging conference at the annual

RWA. Of the total pledged,

more than \$1.3 milion was ear-

marked for UNRWA's

emergency programmes in Leba-

non, the West Bank and Gaza

announced at Thursday's meet-

ing came from Sweden (\$15.6

principal pledges

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19:00

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the agency's 1990 budget.

ment troops were wounded in the fighting at Kombolcha, 300 kilometres .north of Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa, Friday.

Kombolcha is only 20 kilometres east of Dese, provin-cial capital of Wollo, and holds a strategic position on one of the main roads linking Addis Ababa with the Red Sea port of Assab and Asmara, capital of the north-

The TPLF, already in control of Tigray province which has a population of 3.5 million, has in the past fought alongside EPLF rebels who are campaigning for independence of Eritrea.

million), Italy (\$9.63 million), Norway (\$9.39 million), the Un-

ited Kingdom (\$9 million) and

the Fderal Republic of Germany

In addition, Switzerland

pledged \$5.9 million, Denmark

pledged up to \$5.8 million and

Finland — announcing a 66 per

cent increase over its 1989 con-

tribution — pledged \$3.5 mil-

Special contributions for the

emergency programmes came from Kuwait (\$500,000), De-

nmark (\$415,000) and the UK

(\$393,700 for an engineering

consultant's study on refugee

camp infrastructural improve-

Several of UNRWA's tradi-

tional major donors were not yet

able to announce their 1990

pledges at Thursday's meeting.

These included the United

States, the European Commun-

ity, Japan, Canada, Kuwait and

mblies of God Church, Tel.

Nearly a million people have

(\$6.76 million).

UNRWA seeks \$242.3m for 1990

died in Eritrea's 28-year war, Africa's longest-running civil war which has also displaced more than 800,000 people and crippled the economy of Ethiopia, already one of the continent's poorest

Despite the fighting, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, mediator of the EPLF-Ethiopia two sides would continue to seriously negotiate as they did in September in Atlanta, Georgia, during the first round.

"It is very difficult for either party to withdraw (from the

Saudi Arabia, In 1989, these

donors accounted for 68 per cent

of UNRWA's income from

Speaking at the pledging con-

er-General Giorgio Giacomelli

said funding for next year's regu-.

lar programmes was still far from

assured and the emergency

budget was still largely un-

funded. While thanking donors

for their pledges and words of

support and encouragement, he

said: "It is very clear that we

cannot afford to be compla-

The conference was opened

Nigeria, this year's president

by Major-General Joseph Garba

of the United Nations General

Assembly. He urged govern-

ments to respond generously to

enable UNRWA to continue to

fulfil its responsibilities to the

Palestine refugees on behalf of

the international community.

voluntary contributions.

ference, UNRWA Commis

Egyptian-Iraqi situation under control — diplomat

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Egyptians working in Iraq, saying they are now subject to increasing violence, accused their goverument Sunday of failing to safeguard their rights.

"According to our official re-

is underway.

Tensions between Egyptian workers and Iraqis surfaced this

fled, fearing that violence will

over Algeria and Iraqi civilians

crushing several of them.

But he said witness reports of a higher death toll were exaggerated. "Thank God the situation was contained," he said.

"Many people acted unwisely and burgled shops," Ibrhaim said. "I cannot say if it was deliberate or not until the investigation is over. Iraq Television filmed the clash and the video tape is now part of the evidence.

An Egyptian, who declined to be identified, said: "When the police refused to intervene we lost our minds. We smashed their car and turned over the television van.'

Twelve Egyptian drivers, carpenters or butchers, who said one of their friends died in the clashes, met at a cafe by the Tigris River Saturday to discuss their future.

They accused Cairo of responding weakly to their plight and thus encouraging further clashes. They called on their government to take immediate easures to defend their rights. Some Egyptians leaving Iraq

complained that airport authorities confiscated their belongines. Iragi law bars foreingers from taking imported electrical appliances and other goods out of the country. Iraq's First Deputy Pime

Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan said in Cairo Sunday that an accord had been reached on meeting delayed payments to Egyptian workers and the families of those who died in Iraq would be compensated.
Iraqi President Saddam Hus-

sein assured Egyptians Wednesday that their problems would be dealt with.

Foreign ships to remain in Gulf until peace settlement The United States maintains

MANAMA. Bahrain (AP) — A British warship commander said some 10 units in the region, in-Sunday foreign navies will remain cluding three minesweepers inin the Gulf to protect marchant side the Gulf and a battleship they speak jolly good English and vessels in the waterway in the group of seven to eight units in adsence of a p ce settlement between Iran and Iraq a year after a U.N.-brokered ceasefire.

"It's not as tense as last year, and it's all very routine." Cmdr. Paul D. Stone, of Hampshire. "But the situation is still unstable as there's no lasting Stone, commander of the

guided missile destroyer HMS Manchester, warned: "It doesn't take much to start an incident." He spoke to a group of repor-ters who visited the Manchester while on a port call to Bahrain. The vessel is part of four-unit Annilla Patrol — three warships

and a navy tanker - that Britain

maintains in the Gulf waters. Britain and other Western powers that beefed up their military presence in the waterway at the height of the Iran-Iraq war, reduced the number of their vessels in the region after the ceasefire which took hold on Aug. 20, 1988, halting eight years of hosti-

ched after the truce have made no progress toward a permanent settlement of the conflict. The Soviet Union had some

way before the ceasefire, and

Stone said they were now down

to "about three or four warships

and a couple of support ships at

But peace negotiations launseven to nine units in the waterthe Arabian Sea, Navy Spokes man Joe Bartlett said last week. The navy units escorted mar-

chant vessels flying their national flags at the peak of the Iran-Iraq hostilities to protect them against the fallout of the war on the waterway, They now just watch from a

distance. "We keep tabs and we chat

them up occasionally... and they are very happy to have us here as an insurance policy," Stone said. There will be a role for the

Armilla Patrol until lasting peace, to support British merchant ships," he asserted, saying it was "essentially the same" with all other foreign naval task forces in the Gulf, including the American and Soviet units. Some 550 merchant vessels of

different nationalities were caught in the spillovers of the war on the sealanes of the vital region which provides about one-fifth of the industrialised world's oil

Most of the damage was caused by Iran's darting speedboats, some 50 Swedish Boghammars which the Iranians equipped with firing arms.
"We don't see speedboats at

all," he said. Instead, he said, Iran is operating regular patrol boats in the Gulf. He said these include two frigates, Alvand and the Alborz, an oil tanker, and a nian warship, we talk to them,

they are friendly," he said. There is no more checking of merchants ships at the Strait of Hormuz. They are just displaying a presence which is what we do,"

Shipping executives last month said a Gulf tanker was stopped and questioned by the Iramans in

Hormuz, but noted it was a time when the Iranians were conduct-Iraq also charged at the time. that two Iranian tugboats

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approached an Iraqi patrol boat 📵 🛪 at the head of the Gulf and killed an Iraqi in an ensuing exchange of fire. Stone said he was satisfied that

both parties played down the incident. The first in the waters since the ceasefire. He noted that the Armilla Pat-

rol never clashed with the Iranians during the so-called tanker war, and that only a limited number of British merchant ships were attacked, usually when at a distance from British naval units.

"We've been a great success," he commented. "To my mind that's what naval power is about ... to maintain peace." ,

Last month, the Manchester ran into a capsized Arab merchant ship in the Arabian Sea, off Oman, and rescued 10 of the 12 crewmen on board, four of them

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JUST invites papers on image of nursing

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan Middle East, papers about the University of Science and Tech-image of nursing from other renology (JUST) has issued a call for papers to be presented at the first Middle East conference on the image of nursing to be held buy; 12 and 13, 1990, at the minerally in Irbid.

At a time when there is an mational shortage of nurses, the conference will promote re-search on the image of nursing and explore the following and related issues: how the image of nursing affects recruitment and refention of nurses; public perceptions of the nurse; how profession; how the media shape the image of nursing, the role of accreding agencies and the image of mursing; cross-cultural and hisionical perceptions of nursing; and what the nursing profession can do to enhance its image," said a JUST press release. While the focus will be on the

image of nursing from other re-gions/countries are invited, it said. Clinicians and educators from mursing and other disciplines are encouraged to submit abstracts by Feb. 1, 1990 to Dr. Rowaida Al Ma'aitah and Dr. Edna Quinn, of JUST's Nursing Department.

Abstracts may be in English or Arabic should be 200 words or less and typed in double-space. Indicate audio-visuals you will require. Return address, day and evening telephone numbers, and, if possible, fax numbers are re-

Final papers must be in English. They are due March 1, 1990. They should be no longer than eight double-spaced pages, to be delivered in 20 minutes or less in order to allow time for audience discussion.

For further information please contact the conference coordina-

Talks on de Gaulle urge better Franco-Arab ties

AMMAN (Petra) — A two-day minar on Charles de Gaulle and the Arab World concluded here Sunday. The symposium, held inder the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, highlighted "the important, posiine and well-balanced role play-ed by the late French president in dealing with the Middle East con-

Participants in the event, which was organised by the Arab Thought Forum (ATF) in cooperation with the Charles de Gaulle Institute discussed two working papers. The first, prepared by Abdullah Tulba, deals with the constitution of the 5th French

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Republic and the permanent Syrian constitution of 1973. The second paper deals with de Gaulle's contribution towards the stability and credibility of France

and Europe as a whole. Following the discussion of the two papers, participants held a lengthy discussion on the future of Franco-Arab relations and stressed the need for further enhancing these relations in all

They also praised French stands on Arab rights, particularin the context of the Arab-Israeli conflict, and support of the malienable and legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

TIES WITH INDONESIA: The ministers of health and social development and Awgaf and Islamic affairs Sunday discussed with the visiting Indonesian minister of social development means of enhancing bilateral cooperation in the fields of social development, health and Islamic affairs. (Petra)

OMANI RECEPTION: The Omani ambassador to Jordan Saturday hosted a neception at the Plaza Hotel to mark his country's National Day. The reception was attended by a number of ministers, senior government officials and diplomats. (J.T.)

HAMMAD PROMOTED: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Salem Masa adeh has Sunday named Salameh Hammad as ministry Secretary general as of Monday, Nov. 20, 1989. (Petra)

ADR GOVERNOR NAMED: The Cabinet Sunday endorsed the appointment of Mohammad Al Ma'aitah as mayor of Adr in Karak Governorate. The Cabinet also endorsed a decision to include the Public Transport Corportion's staff in the social security coverage.

REGIONAL WATER SECURITY: A three-day symposium on water security organised by the Economic and Social Comfor West Asia (ESCWA) concluded in Damascus Sunday with a call for forming a regional water council under the auspices of ESCWA. Jordan's representative to the meetings, Kamel Al Radaideh, said participants stressed the importance of water in the overall social and economic development and pointed out to a potential shortage in water by the end of this century. Radaideh noted that a Damascus declaration, adopted at the end of the meetings, denounced repeated Israeli attempts and plans to seize Arab water resources. (Petra)

VOLUNTARY WORK: The University of Jordan's faculty of nursing has begun a week-long voluntary work week at homes of the aged. Students from the faculty visited over the last two days the Juwaideh home for the aged and delivered educational lectures. (Petra)

ADVICE TO FARMERS: Ministry of Agriculture Sunday called on all farmers to add fertilisers to their soil and to prepare it for sowing wheat and bariey seeds following the recent rainfall in the various parts of the Kingdom. (Petra)

SHRAIDEH OFF TO GENEVA: Vocational Training Corporation (VTC) Director General Burhan Shraideh left for Geneva Sunday for talks with officials from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) on assistance in the fields of vocational counselling and addressing unemployment. Shraideh will also visit Italy to discuss with officials from Torino Institute prospects for an agreement under which supervisors and trainers courses will be held-in Amman instead of the institute. (Petra)

INDUSTRIAL WASTE: A five-day workshop on industrial residues, organised by the World Health Organisation's (WHO) East Mediterranean Regional Office, started here Sunday. The symposium will tackle subjects relevant to industrial residues, hazardous garbage and the storage, transportation and final procession of such waste. Taking part in the symposium are experts from 12 countries including Jordan. (Petra)

PRICE VIOLATOR SENTENCED: The military governor Sunday endorsed the military court's verdict sentencing Ahmad Hassan Said and Mohammad Yousef to three months and a month and a half in prison respectively for manipulating prices of foodstuffs. The court also sentenced four others to fines ranging from between ID 100 and ID 200 for the same offence. (Petra)

WHAT'S GOING ON

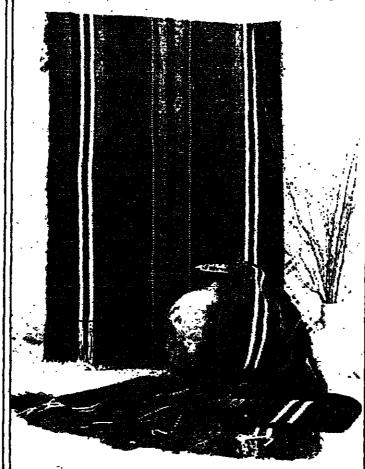
The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- A book exhibition at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- * An art exhibition by Jordanian artists Sanaa Bourini and Abir
 Abu Judeh at Alia Art Gallery.
- * An art exhibition entitled "The Blue Rider" at the Goethe
- ☆ A photographic exhibition entitled "Amman Today" at the Royal Cultural Centre.

LECTURE

* A lecture, in French, entitled "The Infinence of the French Revolution on Arab Political Thought" by Mu'ta University President Dr. Ali Mahafza at the French Cultural Centre — 6:00 р.т.



Products of Bani Hamida women's weaving project

Bani Hamida project gets marketing outlet

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Sunday inaugu-rated Bani Hamida House and opened an exhibition of the latest collections of woven bedouin rugs, wall hangings and

The house, a renovated residence dating back to the early years of modern Jordan, is located off Rambow street in Jabal Amman. It will serve as a permanent showroom and a marketing outlet for the products of 565 women involved in the Bani Hamida bedouin project, launched in September 1985 by the Save the Children Fund (USA) and Noor Al Hussein Founda-

The projects is part of a national effort initiated by Queen Noor to revive Jordan's heritage, provide income-generating projects for low-income families, and enhance the status of women as wage-earners and decision-makers in their communities. The renovation of the house was made possible through a grant from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and contributions from Australia. West Germany and the United Kingdom.

So far the products have been sold at the Save the Children Fund at fall and spring exhibitions. Such products were displayed in Washington, D.C. in November 1987 and October 1989. A collection called the "bridal chest" is currently on show at Kan Zaman craft village in Yadoudeh, an area south of

Since the project's initiation in September 1985, participants have received a total of U.S. \$162,000 in wages; they spent the money on health needs,

purified butter, kerosene), education for their children, clothes and improving their

The recently-settled Bani Hamida tribe live in 12 villages scattered across Jabal Bani Hamida, south of Madaba and Mount Nebo; the scenic area 75 kilometres south-west of Amman overlooks and Dead Sea and provides a magnificent view of the hills surrounding the Holy City of Jerusalem.

The women practises: the rugweaving craft, a heritage passed down from mother to daughter for centuries, as spinners, dyers, loomsetters, and weavers. A new breed of young bedouin women, the first in their tribe to attend school, are being trained as village supervisors to help manage the project.

The women produce weavings of 100 per cent sheep wool in both traditional and contemporary colours and designs, which appeal to both foreigners and Iordanians. In this respect, the management relies on specialists brought to the country by the Noor Al Hussein Foundation's National Handicrafts Development Project.

The project is run according to a five-year plan begun in mid-1987. It calls for an increase in production and sales by up to 75 per cent each year. The project goal is to break even its sixth year between mid-1990 and mid-

The project has received a three-year grant from USAID via PETRA project.

The inauguration was attended by Tourism Minister Yanal Hikmat, the secretary general of the Ministry of Social Development and several fore-

Romanian envoy outlines policies

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Romania opens a key party congress Monday in the capital, Bucharest, apparently standing firm est, apparently standing firm on policies at a time when sweeping changes have overtaken Eastern Europe with the virtual tearing down of the Berlin Wall and popular de-mands for reforms in the Soviet bloc

On the occasion of the congress, the Romanian ambassador to Jordan, Dimitrie Stanescu, organised an informal briefing for the local press to underline his country's policies, political, economic and social, and sised the importance of the party meeting.

"Romania has taken major steps in the direction of progress since its independence in 1944, and has achieved extensive development by increasing the country's gross income by 40 times and raising its industrial production by 145 times since the year 1945, according to the ambassador who gave reporters a detailed history of the country's development. "In the past, some sectors had very low production, but now, the lowest is over 10 billion lira and the highest can go as up as 100 billion lira." Scanescu said. "Through this we have

been successful in paying all our foreign debts, which ten years ago amounted to \$10 billion," he added. Stanescu attributed this to the fact that Romania had adopted an "original system of social democracy, creating in the economic, social, tech-nological and national fields a system of worker social democracy congress, which meets every five years, to ambassador asserted.

discuss the problems facing each

The congress also includes 11,000 participants representing all fields and sectors, and the policy of each field is debated and discussed. according to the ambassador.
"We also have the Front of Social

and Democratic Unity of Romania, which represents 35 organisations, including the Communist Party, the trade union and the commission of different nationalities," he said.

The congress, according to Stanescu, gives the sectors' representatives the opportunity to discuss and present their points of view, in addition to the chance to debate all the laws and important decisions impiemented in Romania. "All this stems from our belief that

dialogue between the leadership and the people is very important. We developed it and enlarged it to permit the people to meet the decision-makers," he said.

plemented by other measures, like the visits of the president to the different parts of the country and its institutions, as every visit is an oppor-tunity to develop this dialogue." "Improvement of manag

micro and macro levels is not a one time measure. On the contrary, we

and develop using the latest scientific and technical advances to insure a balanced development in all sectors." Since 1965, management was improved to obtain a healthy rapid development in the economic sector. through which the Romanians achieved a 3,000 billion lira (\$300 billion) investment in all systems, the

'Proper usage of water is imperative'

Experts discuss water recycling

AMMAN (Petra) — Water and Irrigation Minister Mohammad Saleh Kilani Sunday called for proper exploitation and usage of water since studies show that Jordan's demand as it approaches the 21st century will exceed the capacity of available and potential water resources in the Kingdom.

Addressing the opening session of a three-day symposium on scopes and prospects of use of treated waste water in agriculture, Kilani said 95 per central ture, Kilani said 95 per central ture. Jordan's population had access to tapped water from central water networks and that 50 per cent of

AMMAN (Petra) — Participants

in a three-day symposium on trib-

al norms and traditions Sunday

discussed killing in Islamic law

and the role of tribal tribunals in

addressing it. Also discussed

were working papers on bail in Islamic law and tribal reconcilia-

The symposium, organised by the University of Jordan's Islamic

Cultural Centre, aims at identify-

ing current trends and studying

legislation in force with a view to

coming up with a formula that suits the social changes in the

Jordan is one of the Arab

countries where tribalism is a

AMMAN (Petra) — In its efforts

to develop and upgrade the level

of weather forecast, the

Meteorology Department has

modernised the national weather

forecasting centre, according to

the department's secretary-gener-

He said Sunday that the centre.

established in 1986, was equipped with all the technical equipment

and was linked via satellite with

the advanced Offenbach centre in

Abanda said the centre was

al, Ali Abanda.

West Germany.

dominant factor. For Jordan,

Jordanian society.

nected with sewerage networks. This contributes to the increase in the quantity of treated water, which will exceed 60 million cubic metres by the year 1995, according to Kilani. 'This situation calls for drawing up plans for using the treated water," Kilani said. Kilani said that a three-year

pilot programme had been initiated in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) to study the effects of treated water on soil and crops. This project, supervised by a scientific committee, grouping representatives from all concerned

Symposium on tribalism reviews

linkage between norms and laws

norms have become the basis for

solving all problems and disputes.

are a number of scholars, resear-

Dr. Adnan Al Bakhit, the uni-

versity's vice-president for scien-

tific research, deputised for the

university's president in opening

the symposium. In the opening

session, he said that the participa-

tion of scientists in the sympo-

sium shows the importance of the

Dr. Hassan Abu Eid said that

norms were a source for laws and

made a comparison between the

norms of the past and present. Dr. Khaled Al Zu'bi discussed

equipped with computers, carto-

graphs, satellite station, radar,

solar rays centre and a telescope.

covered by the Jordanian govern-

ment, the United Kingdom and

West Germany. The Jordanian government's contribution was JD 300,000, and the U.K. and the

West German government's con-

tribution amounted to \$450,000.

centre will be operational in 1990

after being supplied with all the

advanced technical equipment."

However, Abanda said, "the

The costs of the centre were

Weather centre improves

accuracy of predictions

chers and tribal leaders.

Taking part in the symposium

ministries and institutions, is currently being implemented in a 45-dimum area.

The Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ) has signed an agreement with the Jordan Cooperative Organisation (JCO), giving JCO the authority to exploit land and waste water in accordance with certain conditions, specifying the crops and irrigation methods, according to the minister.

Kilani pointed out that the ministry had agreed with the United States Agency for Interna-tional Development to undertake a study on expanding and developing the Samra water puri-

the concept of norms in law.

Zu'bi also discussed the way the

tribal norms tackle different

issues. He made a comparison

between tribal norms and law in

reviewed in a research paper he

presented the stages of the enact-

ment of tribal laws and the con-

He reviewed the changes in the

bedouin society from illiteracy to

literacy, and from a nomadic soci-

ety to an Islamic Arab society.

He said the centre receives

information on weather forecasts

and cartographs and sends them

to all of Jordan's airports. He said

the centre provides Queen Alia

International Airport with air

sketches and cartographs needed

for ensuring the safety of air navigation. The sketches include

information of flying heights at

Abanda said the centre has 25

weather forecasters, 30 monitors,

25 communication technicians

and four engineers.

arrival and departure airports.

Sheikh Abdul Naser Abu Basal

terms of solving issues.

tents of these laws.

dle East, where descrification and lack of water resources are already visible.

He said the ministry's role

The symposium is organised by the JCO in cooperation with the West German Friedrich Neumann Corporation and the Jordanian Society for the Prevention of Environmental Pollution.

Special

AMMAN (J.T.) — In its endeavours to find a solution to the unemployment problem in Jordan, the Ministry of Labour has decided to launch special programmes for the unemployed, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said

Sheikh Nayaf Al Hadid presented a reserach paper in which he dealt with the influence of two courses for girls. social changes on tribal norms.

Participants in the first course are being trained on pre-school child care. The course is attended by 23 girls who have completed the secondary education or obtained community college diplomas, Fityan said..

last for six months, is being attended by 16 girls. Participants in the course are being trained on caring for the aged and the chil-dren. Fityan said a similar course would be held for males.

less in the country on reluctarine by many to take up what they consider as menial jobs in agricul-

without basic vocational skills adds to the problem, experts say.

The Jordan Commercial Centres Corporation Jordan Export Directory TO ALL JORDANIAN EXPORTERS

The Jordan Commercial Centres Corporation has already announced that it is currently preparing an Export Directory (in English and Arabic) and any Exporters who have not yet completed the necessary forms, should do so by Nov. 25.

For information, please visit the corporation's headquarters in Shmeisani behind Professional Union Building), phone at 603507 or FAX 684568.

courses for jobless

should not only be restricted to

supplying the treated water but should also ensure the smooth

performance of the programme, with a view to safeguarding

Other speakers at the session

stressed the importance of water

for development and underlined

the threats facing natural re-sources, particularly in the Mid-

health and environment.

Sunday. Vocational Training Centre's

(VTC) Director Kalthoum Fityan was quoted as saying by Petra that the centre had already held

The second course, which will

Estimates of the number of unemployed in Jordan range from 12 per cent to 16 per cent of the work force, and officials blame the rising number of job-

ture and other sectors. In addition, the large number of graduates who come off the Kingdom's universities every year

By Waleed Sadi

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Learning process

THE DISPUTE over the welfare of Egyptian workers in Iraq is clearly a tempest in a cup that will soon wither away. The solid relationship between Cairo and Baghdad is obviously too strong to be adversely affected by such transient differences. Nevertheless, the fact that a problem has risen in the first place highlights the need to develop relations between the member states of the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) not only on the official level but also on the human level as well.

There is no form of unity that ever existed and survived that was confined only to official relations. Unless political, economic and cultural relations are buttressed and deepened by heavy involvement of the peoples themselves, no unity between two countries can be maintained. That is exactly why the ACC must expand its vision and scope to reach out for the dimensions in inter-Arab relations that have yet to be dealt with. In this context one notices the absence of an Iraqi-Egyptian friendship society or any similar society existing between the other ACC member states. There are many other programmes that need to be touched upon and expanded if the ACC seeks to avoid the kind of needless frictions similar to those that ensued from the conditions of Egyptian workers in Iraq. Exchanges of students, joint chambers of commerce and trade, and joint committees to deal with all aspects of migrant worke.s between the member states would go a long way to realise better relations between the peoples of the concerned Arab

It would be naive to ever think that there are no frictions between the peoples of the Arab countries that make up the ACC or any other group for that matter. There are still stereotype prejudices in the minds of many of the affected peoples that need to be rooted out by enlightenment and through hard work. Otherwise the unity and cooperation achieved so far would become fragile and devoid of real substance and durability.

All in all, the fact that a problem did in fact arose between Egypt and Iraq on account of the welfare of serve as a part of the learning process that will make the relationship between Cairo and Baghdad and also between the other Arab capitals that make up the ACC firmer. The main point therefore is to learn from the unavoidable problems that will surely arise now and then between the governments and peoples of the ACC. That is the only way to achieve workable and durable cooperation between the peoples and governments of the Arab Cooperation Council.

JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i Arabic daily on Sunday discussed the situation in Lebanon following the election of a president. The paper said that while the prime minister-designate is going ahead with plans to form a government, most of the Lebanese factions are showing readiness to help in bringing about a reconciliation so as to avoid a return to civil strife. There is no way that the Lebanese problem can achieve any success in their attempts to bring peace to their country without serious endeavours and backing for the constitutional and legitimate power, said the paper. Indeed, the paper asked, the Lebanese people were overwhelmed by joy over the agreement reached in Saudi Arabia by the parliament deputies who paved the way for the presidential election, and brought about new hopes to their countrymen. While the Lebanese are involved in attempts to resolve their outstanding problems, the paper noted, the Arab countries which originally were in-strumental in bringing about a meeting by the deputies in Saudi Arabia should rally to the support of their kinsmen and also the legitimate power in Lebanon so that a lasting peace can be achieved.

Al Dustour daily tackled the situation in the Gulf area and criticised Iran for its new manoeuvres in the light of statements coming out from Tehran and Baghdad. The paper said that Iraq has taken a step in the right direction by exposing Iran's new moves to escalate tension and its false claim that the Iranian regime was willing to resume negotiation with Iraq under the United Nations auspices to bring about a lasting settlement. The paper said that Iraq has realised that Iran was trying to blackmail Iraq by seemingly accepting the idea of freeing the prisoners of war in exchange for Iraqi compromises elsewhere. It said that the exchange of war prisoners was provided for in the U.N. Security Council resolution which ended the fighting between the two sides, and should therefore be implemented without any question. The paper pointed out that Iran continues to ignore Iraq's right in Shatt Al Arab waterway and continues to impede the United Nations endeavours to implement all the provisions of the Security Council resolution, thus placing further obstacles in the

Sawt Al Shaab in its Sunday's editorial said that by announcing that Israel would never withdraw its forces from the Arab territories it occupied in 1967, Shamir is thus killing all hopes for peace negotiations. The paper said that Shamir who said that any Israeli withdrawal would be tantamount to an act of suicide, is still backed by at least 50 per cent of the American public, according to recent polls, and fully supported by the American Zionist lobby; thus ensuring continued American assistance in all forms. Shamir's visit to the United States has proved beyond doubt that Israel is not ready to recognise the rights of the Palestinian people, the paper added. It said that as one now watches for the Palestinian reaction everyone is certain of the bitter fact that the Arabs have limited options against this chronic situation. Unless Washington changes its stand with regard to the problem, the paper concluded, nothing can be achieved in the foreseeable future. Weekly Political Pulse

War or peace — simple option, awesome choice

WHAT COULD possibly be the inducement for Israel to give up Arab territories that it has held on to since 1967, now that it is confirmed beyond a shadow of doubt that it possesses no less than 500 nuclear bombs, a variety of sophisticated delivery systems and is working earnestly for developing thermonuclear weapons? Is it rational to ever think that given these realities, Israel can be persuaded into joining a peace process aimed at its withdrawal from the Arab territories occupied by force in the war of 1967? It seems to me that what was fatally wrong with all the past and ongoing approaches to a negotiated settlement of the Palestinian conflict and the broader Arab-Israeli conflicts was that they were devoid of a real incentive for Israel to relinquish Arab territories in return for peace since it is until now the state that "giveth" and "taketh" peace and not the other way around. Therefore, unless the strategic balance between the Arab and Israeli sides can be rectified in such a dramatic way as to offer Israel a real inducement to seek peace there is no way to apply the valid proposition of Arab peace for Arab territories.

It is clear that all the efforts being invested in the quest for peace in the Middle East will continue to be wasted away, given the realities of the strategic imbalance between the two sides. And, if all the Arab World put together cannot achieve a strategic balance with Israel for the purpose of negotiating a just and permanent settlement of the Middle East conflicts, how can one expect the Palestinian side on its own to accomplish that giant

Accordingly, the operational options available to the Arab side can be characterised as follows: Either the Arabs mobilise themselves in all ways in order to become a real match to the Israeli side, enabling themselves to be in a position to sue for the kind of settlement that is honourable, just and permanent; or they maintain the existing strategic imbalance and accept interim solutions to reflect that inequilibrium which may not be totally honourable or just; or stop seeking solutions till more favourable conditions prevail in the Arab World and then and only then sue for the kind of peace that the Arab Nation is seeking. Which way to go requires of course deep and thorough reflection and calculation with full accounting of every conceivable factor. But the moral of this remains: Given the existing conditions, neither the Palestinian side nor the Arab World is able to successfully negotiate a settlement that could do honour to their sentiments and aspirations. That is why more than two decades have elapsed with no settlement in sight and another two decades could easily pass by without a real breakthrough of the kind the Arab World is

But wait a minute, many would argue. The Victoongs were able to succeed and win their war against a superpower without ever being any-near to a military balance. And so, the argument goes, what the Vietcongs have done can be repeated by the Palestinians in the occupied territories. But this is unrealistic Tobegin with Israel is no U.S., and its readiness to use its full military powers to the bitter end if necessary cannot be ruled out or matched by a superpower like the U.S. fighting on the outer rim of its strategic interests. The world has also seen the Soviet Union lose a war in Afghanistan not because it does not have the means to win it but rather because of the traditional constraints that are applicable to big and responsible powers which prevent them from using all their military might to achieve victory. As for Israel, given her massada complex about "survival," one can presume that there is no limit to which Israel would go to assure its "survival," including unleashing its full nuclear weaponry on the Arab World. In this context, the Arab side does not appear to have a deterrent

to make Israel think twice before using its nuclear arsenal. Secondly, the Arab World is no North Vietnam. The Arabs and Vietnamese of today are products of different sets of history and backgrounds that make the drawing of a parallel between them a bit far-fetched. Accordingly, if the Palestinian intifada is programmed to perform what the Victoongs have done, then they need the equivalent of North Vietnam to aid their efforts. Obviously the Arab World is no North Vietnam and no amount of wishful thinking can change the picture. Again, the moral of this other story is that the Palestinian people on their own cannot achieve what the Vietcongs achieved, and accordingly it would be unfair to ever think that they can. That explains in part why the Palestinian uprising has taken the non-violent road hoping against hope that the price of Israeli occupation would heighten to intolerable levels and the Israeli public opinion force a change of heart in Tel Aviv without the resort to a protracted armed conflict. But, thus far, Israeli public opinion has only hardened and the non-violent nature of the intifada is under pressure to turn violent. And without a total Arab commitment to aid a violent uprising in the occupied territories it would be sheer suicidal to resort to an armed conflict.

The overall moral of the total picture can be summarised as follows: If Israel cannot be made to withdraw from the occupied territories without force, and that the required force is not available, what then should be the policies of the Arab side towards the Israeli occupation? Should it be to suspend all efforts to peacefully resolve the conflict, or settle for interim solutions till better times arrive? It is an awesome responsibility to even ask the question and even more awesome to ever contemplate an answer

Shamir visit leaves Middle East peace process struggling

By Alan Elsner

CINCINNATI, Ohio — A visit to the United States by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has highlighted the enormous task facing Washington in its latest Middle East mediation effort.

Shamir, who met President Bush and Secretary of State James Baker Nov. 15, said he had done much to iron out misunderstandings with the U.S. adminis-

But any decrease in the strains between Washington and Israel is likely to be short-lived in the light of Shamir's insistence on a tough policy on the future of the occupied territories and proposed peace talks with Palestinian representatives.

"If the peace process is not dead then it's moving at a glaci-al pace," said Geoffrey Kemp, an analyst with the Carnegie Endow-ment for International Peace, a Washington think-tank. "Until there is a significant

shift in Israeli opinion, the various factions of Shamir's (rightwing) Likud Party will maintain a blocking veto," he said. Shamir lived up to his

tion for toughness in a speech in Baker's points quickly. Cincinnati Nov. 16.

long-standing refusal to negotiate Israelis would drive the Palesti-

Organisation (PLO) but declared that the Palestine question was not the most important problem facing the Middle East.

"Shamir is determined to prevent any kind of negotiations because they would eventually have to deal with the idea of Israel exchanging territory for peace," said Robert Neumann, director of Middle East studies at the Washington-based Centre for Strategic and International Stu-

"Shamir's strategy is largely to gain time so that nothing happens. He could not respond positively even if he wanted to because that would land him in trouble with his own party," Neumann said. Baker's strategy is to try and

get Israeli and Palestinian agreement to a five-point formula designed to coax the two sides into their first ever direct talks. Israel agreed to the five points provided it received Washing-

ton's assurance that the PLO would be excluded from the talks. The United States is now likely to pass a message to the PLO through Egypt that it made no concessions to Shamir and that the Palestinians must respond to

Baker has to play a delicate He not only repeated Israel's game. Conceding too much to the with the Palestine Liberation mians away from the process.

However, exerting too much overt pressure on Israel risks arousing the wrath of the powerful pro-Israel lobby in both houses of Congress.

"There is pressure on Israel and it is steadily growing. It's a combination of private state-ments, some public ones, leaks and counter-leaks," said

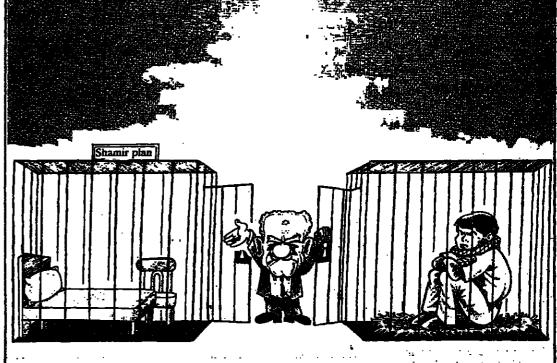
In his meeting with Shamir, Bush expressed U.S. displeasure at Israeli military cooperation with South Africa and the way in which its army is trying to suppress a two-year-old Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Equally significantly, he did not appear in public with Shamir and the visit was noticeably lacking in the usual protestations of undying friendship between the two allies.

In his Cincinnati speech, Shamir accused Washington of being so anxious to achieve a Middle East breakthrough that it was willing to compromise Israeli security in the process.

"It is only natural that the United States government wants to see tranquility and peace in the Middle East and regards the ways and means to that end as secondary," he said. Shamir refuses to consider the

idea of Israel ever withdrawing from the West Bank or Gaza



Strip, despite the uprising which has claimed more than 500 Palestinian lives.

But under pressure to do something to stem the bloodshed, Shamir last April proposed holding elections in the territories. Baker has said throughout his

And if the administration does eventually succeed in getting the parties round the same bargain-

mediating effort that his five ing table, some analysts believe. points were designed only to im-

"Once you do have talks, that will be a sea change. There will be no going back after that," said

Politicians seek to scale down German reunification

By Patrick Worszip

LONDON - Parts of the Berlin Wall may have been knocked down, but as the dust settles the realisation is growing that German reunification is not just around the corner.

Politicians of both East and West are moving to scale down what they see as hasty and irresponsible media speculation that the liberalisation in East Germany will lead rapidly to a unified "fourth reich" that will dominate Europe. .

"We still do not expect reunification to occur in the immediate sense," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater has said, denying that the theme would loom large at the U.S.-Soviet summit off Malta on Dec. 2-3.

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In similar vein, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher called in a speech on Nov. 13 for a "measured view of the way ahead." And in Moscow on Nov. 14, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze again stressed the need for two Germa-

Western politicians were as affected as their publics by the emotional scenes on television of East and West Berliners celebrating together last week as East Germany's travel curbs were swept away. But now they are saying the party is over and it is time to sober up.

One factor that has influenced them is evidence that, whereas most West Germans seem to favour reunification, East Germans — the public as well as the Communist government — are

a British television station recent-

ly found that only 38 per cent of

201 East Berliners picked at ran-

evidently not so keen. An opinion poll carried out for

dom favoured a reunited Germany. An earlier poll by a West German magazine, however, said a majority supported it.

Also, although more than three million East Germans have flooded into West Berlin and West Germany since restrictions were lifted, only about 20,000 have asked to stay.

But the main argument mustered by the advocates of caution is that the East-West political and security structure just is not ready for German reunification.

East and West Germany belong to opposing military alliances, and form the chief confrontation line in Europe. There are almost 800,000 foreign troops on German soil who cannot be wished away overnight.

Even West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who says the division of Germany is unnatural, acknowledged in a speech in Poland on Nov. 13 that it would be "anti-historical and implausible to assert that it is a matter for the Germans alone whether and how

they freely determine their fate." Most officials and analysts say the first thing is for East Gremany to carry out its promise of free elections and see what that

"Perhaps the East Germans will want a qualitatively different society. But we must allow the process to run its course," says John Roper of Britain's Royal Institute of International Affairs. Veteran American diplomat

George Kennan, who shaped Washington's policy of "containing" the Soviet Union after World War II, says there is more to it than even the rise of Western style democracy in East Germany and elsewhere in the East Bloc.

"Even if the liberalisation of political conditions in Eastern Europe were ito progress in the near future to a point where they were little different from the conFederal Republic, this would of itself be no reason for immediate German reunification," he wrote this week.

According to Kennan and other analysts, a top priority is to reach an accord to reduce and balance Warsaw Pact and NATO troops and non-nuclear arms in Europe. Talks on this subject in Vienna are expected to produce a treaty by late next year.

Beyond that, new structures need to be put in place for Euro-pean security, if the two existing blocs are going to fade away, at least in their present form.

"One doesn't remove a security system without being sure what you put in its place," says

On the economic side, the relationship of the liberalised East European countries to the European Community needs to be worked out.

Nevertheless, the crumbing of Communist rule in East Germany has at least forced the big powers to think about German reunification, a subject they had preferred to neglect for decades.

Significantly Poland, which under its former Communist rulers refused to listen to any talk of the subject, is under a Solidarityled government saying it could contemplate remification under certain strict conditions. Warsaw last week spelled these

out as: a vote by Germans of both Germanies in favour of it the agreement of the victorious wartime allies — the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union and respect for Poland's present Western border.

And irrespective of conditions that Poland and other countries may insist on, the pace of change in Eastern Europe may confound the best-laid plans of the politi-

As the recent unheaval in East Germany has shown, when power passes to the streets, all bets are

Petrasovics, 35, takes over Hungarian party

By David Lewis Reuter

BUDAPEST — The Hungarian Social Democratic Party (HSDP), reemerging after four decades of one-party politics, has chosen a young woman economist to lead it into Hungary's first multi-party elections since 1947.

Elected president of the HSDP at a congress this month, Anna Petrasovics was not even born until six years after her party was suppressed by the Communists in At 35, she is less than half the

age of many of her party's 11,000 members, the overwhelming majority of whom — as in all other parties in Hungary — are But, with the confidence of

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher whom she admires, Petrasovics is unabashed. "I think I have shown the members I am not the typical

token woman," she said. "And I

think I am going to show the whole of the nation the same." Speaking a day after the congress, punch-drunk through lack of sleep and missed meals, Petrasovics told Reuters the secret of how she manages the men in her

"I cherish them and pat them on their heads and say 'well done, that's a good idea.' And I say 'you're a good little boy and you're not going to hit Peter over the head tomorrow'." Relaunched in January, the

HSDP has been severely split between believers in the party's historical leftist policies and those preferring modern Western-style social democracy. Even at the congress, 60 of the 600 delegates walked out.

Petrasovics, who is married with daughters aged 14 and six, said the men in the party "have accepted me as the integrating

Formed 99 years ago, the HSDP won 17.4 per cent of the vote in 1945 and held three min-

isterial portfolios in a postwar coalition government. But as part of its "salami

tactics" to install one-party rule, the Communist Party broke off an allegedly "rightist" wing of the HSDP in 1948 and forcibly absorbed the other. So-called rightist leaders were jailed or fled abroad.

Raising its head briefly at the height of the 1956 uprising, the HSDP took part in a three-day multi-party government under Imre Nagy before Soviet tanks moved in. After that it operated in exile.

led by another woman called Anna — Anna Kethly, who died in Belgium in 1976. Tibor Baranyai, elected one of Petrasovic's eight vice-presidents

at the congress, told a news con-ference that Kethly was a leader of the Hungarian labour movement who retained a place in Hungarian hearts. "If Anna Petrasovics could

grow up to be a second Anna Kethly it would be good for her and good for Hungary," he said. Petrasovics' policies of 1989 have little in common with those of Kethly, however. While the old HSDP was clearly a workers' party, Petrasovics is happy to admit that her policies are far more right-wing than those of the British Labour Party or West Germany's Social Democratic

Party. How can you be leftist on the ruins of 40 years of leftism?" she asks, pecking at a cherry strudel after being interviewed by Hungarian television in the Gellert botel.

"Our programme is built on three pillars: liberal economics, strong trade unions and basic

social security. 'We are accused of being bourgeois liberals, but social democracy is a mixture of pure capitalism and utopian ideas, neither of which can be successful alone at the ead of the 20th

century in Europe." The old HSDP was once happy to cooperate with the other workers' party, the Communist Party. but Petrasovics will not contemplate cooperation even with the Hungarian Socialist Party founded when the Communist Party wound itself up on Oct. 7:

We don't want to form a coalition with ex-Communists. Never. never, never," she says. Neither will she contemplate a coalition with the centre-right Hungarian Democratic Forum,

the strongest opposition group

preparing for the elections due by The forum has nationalist ten? dencies. It believes in a "third" way" for Hungary between Communism and capitalism.

"We will never get back to (Western) Europe that way." Petrasovics says. "We have to create a social-liberal coalition with the alliance of free democrats and the young democrats." ~

The free Democrats are led by former dissidents. They and the young Democrats are the most radical and Western-oriented of Hungary's opposition parties-to-

A lecturer at Budapest's Karl Marx University of Economics, which has given up teaching Marxism, Petrasovics jumped at joining the HSDP when Kethly's one-time deputy Andras Revesz re-launched it in January. (The ailing Revesz, now 80, has been shuffled off as too pro-Communist).

"I was waiting for that," she says. "I had always felt a stranger an outsider in my own country." Now, somewhat ruefully, she believes she must give up lecturing for full-time politics as head

of the HSDP. "At the university I have a very good life," she says.

"Now I feel like a marionette. And politics is a very risky job At one moment you are on the top and the next you are completely crushed. This is what people have always done with their. good politicians."

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Europeans face conflict over Muslims in the melting pot

European public opinion on Muslim and non-white immigra-

tion is difficult to gauge. Most

poll respondents deny racist feel-

mgs, but polisters say clear nega-

tive attitudes come through.

In a survey published this year,
the French organisation sofres
reported that European societies

across the board were fearful that

immigrants would not only take

"Beyond national peculiarities

jobs but also dilute cultures.

of European countries," a Sofres analyst wrote, "the dominant cli-

mate is of aggravated tensions and pessimism." Islam was a par-

Latent tension erupted in

France when three girls were expelled from a school near Paris

for wearing "hijabs," scarves to mask their hair from men.

For a month, everyone up to Premier Michel Rocard voiced

opinions. Broad camps formed.

Rocard ruled that France did not

regulate dress, but he stressed

Polls show a majority of renchmen believe the "veil

affair" was manipulated by the

same Iranian-linked Islamic fun-

damentalists who rose against

Salman Rushdie's "Satanic

It is a rallying cry for Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front, a

far-right party which, like Bri-tain's National Front and West

Germany's Republicans, blames

cial's wife was raped and mur-

dered by an Algerian visiting his parents in Avignon, Le Pen de-clared: "This is an alarm bell for

the security of Frenchmen and

Moderate commentators ex-

press tolerance for new cultures

but worry that they may not fit in.

In the weekly Nouvel Obser-

vateur, editor Jean Daniel

blamed the veil affair on Muslim

He concluded "we must make it so that the veil falls by itself

under the effect of the assimilat-

ing genius of France and the

attracting force of its civilisa-

divided among themselves over

whether to blend into the main-

stream and practise Islam dis-

creetly or to insist on Koranic

schools and distinctive dress.

Muslims in Europe are deeply

politics.

the independence of France."

After a National Front offi-

immigrants for social ills.

that schools were secular.

Frenchmen believe the

ticular problem cited.

The Associated Press

of a MARSEILLE — The mayor of Marseille endorsed plans for a 45-acre Islamic complex with a minaret 200 feet high. In a town again near Lyon, the mayor ordered a

Across Europe, Christian ma-jonties are divided over how to respond to Muslim populations
— now approaching 10 million by some estimates - that are slow to fully adapt to local societies.

Despite curbs on immigration, numbers are increasing because of family reunions, buth rates, refugees and clandestine entries. Fears run deep in West Germany, where a programme to import "guest workers" begun in ons the 1960s resulted in 1.5 million Turks who are not going home. In Britain, growing south Asian communities spark conflicts.

More than a half million Muslims live in Belgium and the But in France, where 3 million Muslims make Islam the second

religion after Catholicism, debate is fierce. It crystallised recently over the right of three schoolgirls to cover their hair.

Camille Joux, a Lyon insurance broker, formed a group to bar a planned mosque from his neigh-bourhood. The site was hazardous, he said, because Muslimhaters might dynamite a nearby water tower.

He warns that the single society that is supposed to emerge after the European Economic Com-munity eliminates trade barriers in 1992 will be shaded by an alien

"Islamic society rejects all others," he said. "It will create parties, exploiting our democratic systems to win a holy war without arms. Voltaire must be rolling in

his grave."

Most Muslims, supported by a broad range of French politicians and intellectuals, condemn that reasoning.

Mustapha Slimani, at 34 a self-

made meat magnate, rallied Muslims behind his dream for a gigantic Marseille mosque. It remains on paper, but city officials agree to it in principle.

"I am a French, and I am a Muslim," he said. "Why should there be a contradiction? Marseille has a cathedral and a synagogue. It must also have a mosque."

Many draw links to a wide anti-immigrant prejudice, the sort of vague hatred that left a young black South African dead an Italian tomato patch in August near a sign reading, "open season on blacks."

Yasmin Alibhai, an editor of New Statesmen and Society magazine in Britain, echoed the widely heard sentiment in a recent article in the Guardian:

The worry is that there is a respectable xenophobia mushrooming all over the conti-nent that is pushing some of the collective dream for 1992 to cluster around a concept of Europe which is white, racist and much more powerful than any postwar individual state." Muslim academics point out

that global totals ignore their diversity. Along with Arabs from vastly different societies, there Turks, Pakistanis, Indians

and Iranians, among others. In France, Muslims range from Algerian families with four generations as French citizens to newly arrived Shi'ites from Lebanon. But many cluster in urban neighbourhoods, housing projects and small towns.

In the midst of diversity, Islamic community spokesmen evolve according to their taste for limelight.

Slimani, of a new breed of young Arabs, rejects the low profile long preached by elders. His wife, Voudia, hammers reporters with accounts of his good works.

Hadj Mohammed Alili is leader of Marseille's main mosque, a converted garage on a narrow street with room for only 400 of the city's 90,000 Mushims. He runs a restaurant in the back of it.

Slimani calls Alili a "false imam" who opposes a new mosque as a threat to his own interests. Alili condemns "chicken merchants" who use Islam for personal glory.

Many Muslims feel that such

squabbling only adds to fears of outsiders who do not understand the religion and its philosophy. They hope that harmony will evolve as Europeans gradually come to understand Muslims

Near Charvieu-Chavagneux, where the mosque was bulldozed, 15-year-old Adel Benyahia, who aspires to study law, says he expects less animosity toward Arabs by the time he starts prac-

"It can be pretty hard some-times," he said, with a helpless shrug. "People say things, look at vou hard. Sometimes worse."

The Charvieu mosque was levelled in August, leaving broken rubble on an empty lot. Mayor Gerard Dezempte said it razed with a bulldozer because officials could not dislodge squatters, prostitutes and thieves from part of the building. With outside help, a tiny pre-

fabricated mosque was built, but friction continued.

The imam's son knocked over a cross in the cemetery. It was repudiated by Islamic leaders as the act of a disturbed boy. But right riders broke the mosque

windows and threw pork inside. "I accuse the mayor of being behind this," said Mohamme Yahiaoni, a Charvieu Muslim leader from Algeria who displays a photo of Libya's Muammar Qadhafi and espouses a union of

Islamic republics. He said French are "very susceptible to racist

the mosque but said that such acts were inevitable. "I'm reading the Koran now," he said. "Their way

is not compatible with our civi- ortion.

Hassane Mezdagui, a young Moroccan-born accountant wheeling his bicycle through Charvieu, faulted Muslims and Europeans alike for losing prop-

These political problems are being blamed on religion," he said. "Religion was never a problem before. Without our religions, it would be law of the



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And generally they suffer in silence the standard jokes about left-handed teacups the idiosyncratic writing, although in many pursuits the left-handed need special equipment.

The alleged clumsiness of left-handers hardly bears scrutiny. For instance, there was nothing clumsy about the work of that outstanding genius, Leonardo da Vinci, or today's brain surgeons, among whom a high incidence of

left-handedness is reported. Certainly, members of this minority have never lacked talent. Prehistoric cave paintings bear signs of left-handed execu-

Left-handedness is relatively rare. Only about one person in ten is likely to show this preference — which is just as well as

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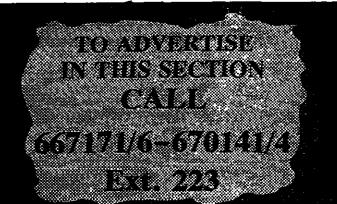


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New guidelines govern investment climate in Jordan

By a Jordan Times staff writer

AMMAN - In a move described as aimed at adjusting to Jordan's new policy of self-reliance and export-orientation of industries, the Ministry of Industry and Trade has introduced an updated version of parameters for "approved economic projects" - ventures that are entitled to tariff exemptions and income tax exemptions.

The modified set of guidelines, which went into effect in mid-October, gives emphasis to "the local contents" of any project and award points, based on which the exemptions are given, according to Dr. Samir Emeish, director of the Department of Encouragement of Investments at the Ministry of Industry and Trade..

Points are awarded on the basis of employment generation, export growth, local content (raw material), first-time ventures, technical licence, product licence, international trade mark, quality control and research and development facilities, Emeish told the Jordan Times in an interview

"The main aim of the modifications is to bring more focus on self-reliance on the local factors and export orientation," he said.

The modified parameters apply only to new ventures and are not applicable to existing projects, which may or may not be classified as "economic approved" or "approved," Emeish said. An "approved economic" project is entitled to tariff exemptions as well as a five-year income tax holiday while an "approved" project can only enjoy tariff exemp-

In order to qualify for the description "approved economic" project, any new venture in zone A — the capital and its environs as well as Aqaba — has to score a total of 70 out of 100 points. In zone B — Irbid — the minimum is 60 points and in zone C — all other parts of the Kingdom — it is 50 points.

Points are awarded as under: 1. Employment generation (maximum 25 points): One point for each new job opportunity;
2. Export growth (25 points): Five points for the first 20 per cent and one point for each additional three per cent;

FAIRFIELD, Connecticut (AP)

- General Electric Co. (G.E.) has announced that it has agreed

to buy a controlling interest in the

Budapest-based Tungsram Com-pany in a \$150 million deal that

would be the largest postwar business investment in Hungary

by a Western company.

Tungsram, a lightbulb maker, is one of Hungary's largest industrial companies, with 12

manufacturing plants. Annual

sales amount to about \$300 mil-

lion and 85 per cent of its pro-

the recent liberalisation of econo-

mic and political systems in East-

ern Europe. Hungary has been in the forefront of that trend, throw-

ing out restrictions on foreign ownership and signalling it is ea-ger for investment from the West.

with the Hungarian Credit Bank,

G.E.'s Cleveland, Ohio-based

General Electric lighting unit will

purchase just over 50 per cent of

Tungsram and will assume management of the venture, G.E.

The majority of these shares

In addition, General Electric also has the option to purchase up

are owned by the Austrian Girocentrale Bank, G.E. said.

to 20 per cent more of the share's

on condition its accepts the

obligation of doubling the part-

nership's West European sales

"This is both an excellent glob-

al move for G.E. and a historic

moment in the reform of Hun-

gary's economic system," said John Welch, chairman of Fair-

field-based General Electric.

"This joint venture was made

within a five-year period.

Under the terms of a joint venture agreement negotiated

The deal is made possible by

ducts are marketed abroad.

G.E. invests \$150 million in

major Hungarian firm

3. Local content (20 points): Two points for every three per

4. First-time ventures and projects having a technical licence from a foreign source, a product licence or an international trade mark are given five points each.

Projects with a quality control lab gets another five points and those with research and development facilities will be given another five points.

Article 11 of the Encouragement of Investment Law (No: 11 of 1987) states that "a project shall be deemed "approved eco-nomic project" if it is in any of the following sectors: A. industry and mining, B. agriculture, livestock and fisheries, C. touristic hotels and transport, and D. hos-

Article 12 specifies the minimum requirements that qualify projects to be classified as approved economic.

In industry and mining, the value of fixed assets should not be less than JD 75,000 in zone A, JD 35,000 in zone B and JD 20,000 in

In agriculture, livestock and fisheries, the value of fixed assets should not be less than JD 20,000 in zone A, JD 15,000 in zone B, and JD 10,000 in zone C.

In touristic hotels, the venture should enjoy at least a three-star rating allocated by the Ministry of Tourism and should be located in either zone B or C.

In hospitals, the project should be approved by the concerned health authorities and should have a minimum capacity of 30 beds if in zone B or 20 beds if in zone C.

According to Emeish, the ministry is rather lenient in the first year of operation of the project and evaluates its performance after one year to strictly apply the parameters.

possible by the Hungarian gov-

ernment's policy of encouraging

foreign investment and looking to

Andras Gabor, president of Tungsram, said Hungary was on

its way to becoming a democracy

and developing a free enterprise system, and that there was no

"G.E.'s participation in Tung-sram gives us the opportunity

both to grow our lighting business

and to embrace this process of

change," Gabor said, according

plan to combine their European

lighting distribution organisati-

sons into one unit to market both

General Electric and Tungsram products, G.E. said.

gy-saving fluorescent products to

high-technology discharge lamps. In addition, it will manufacture

a full range of vehicle lamps and a

number of special lamp types, ranging from miniature Halogen

lamps to infrared Quartz lamps. G.E. lighting will assist Tungsram in expanding its product line

G.E. will also invest technolo-

gical resources in the joint venture, modernise Tungsram's plant

and equipment and introduce

management techniques. G.E.

will provide training for Tung-

sram management and workers both in Hungary and the United

The transaction is expected to

be completed by the end of this

year, G.E. said, following nego-

tiation of definitive agreements

and government reviews.

The joint venture will manufacture and sell products ranging from household lamps and ener-

The two partners in the deal

to a G.E. statement.

world markets."

turning back.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Chinese farmers yearn for cash

PEKING (R) - Farmers in the south China province of Hunan, enraged at not getting paid for their record tobacco crop, are threatening not to grow tobacco next year unless the state comes up with cash. The Farmers Daily has reported farmers in one district of Hunan were owed six million yuan (\$1.62 million) for the 1988 crop and most of the stations to purchase this year's crop were closed for want of money. Some farmers have cut down their crop before harvesting it and others swear they will not plant tobacco again next year and will leave their fields fallow. In one area, the newspaper said, farmers were so strapped for cash that when they gambled illegally they used the government's IOUS instead of money. When nabbed by the police, they paid the fines with the IOUS, but not even the police could exchange them for

Austrian timber exports increase

VIENNA (Agencies) - In the first six months of the current year Austria's output of sawn timber rose by 14 per cent against the equivalent period of 1988. It reached a total of 3.6 million cubic metres. The value of this total production figure increased by twenty per cent to 9,000 million schillings. More than sixty per cent of Austria's output of sawn timber was accounted for by exports. By August of the current year the export figure had increased by 14 per cent against the equivalent period of the previous year, reaching a volume of 2.7 million cubic metres. Austria's principal customers in this sector were Italy, the Federal Republic of Germany and the Middle East.

Soviets may cut oil exports in 1990

MOSCOW (AP) -- The Soviet government has suggested cutting oil exports by 3.8 million tons or roughly 76,000 barrels a day in 1990 so that oil could be used domestically. The proposal, which amounts to a cut of roughly 2.8 per cent of estimated Soviet oil exports of 2.8 million barrels per day to both West and East, came in documents submitted to the Supreme Soviet legislative's discussion of the 1990 budget. The document suggested that 1.5 million tons of the oil be used to fuel agricultural machinery and the rest transferred to various domestic uses. The Soviet Union suffers erratic domestic gasoline shortages, and Soviet television has shown farms unable to harvest grain for lack of fuel. Officials have warned in recent weeks continuing strikes in the coal fields could result in shortages of heat and light in the long.Russian

AIDO to build big steelworks in Egypt

CAIRO (R) - The Arab Industrial Development Organisation (AIDO) plans a \$106.5 million steelworks in Egypt, the Middle East News Agency has reported. The organisation has completed a feasibility study to build a steelworks in 10th of Ramadan City, 60 kilometres northeast of Cairo, with a total annual output of 110,000 tonnes, the agency said, quoting an official of Egypt's General Investment Authority. The organisation, an Arab League agency, will present its application for the project in the next few days, the official said. Some 62,000 tonnes will be marketed in Egypt, the most populous Arab state, and the rest will be sold to Arab League members. The plant's products will cost 25 per cent less than imported steel.

Merrill Lynch to end S. Africa ties

NEW YORK (R) - Merrill Lynch and Co, the largest U.S. securities firm it will no longer provide investment recommendations on South African businesses and its traders will no longer buy or sell shares of South African companies. The firm has said it will end its research on South Africa companies immediately and will stop trading securities in those stocks on Dec. 1. The new policy includes other measures that will broaden a policy of not conducting business in South Africa and not owning or operating property there, Merrill Lynch said. A company memo outlining the measures said the revised policy is significantly more comprehensive than that required by U.S. law and "meets the criteria of anti-apartheid initiatives that have been adopted or are under consideration by various state and local governments in the United States." The move reflects increasing pressure on U.S. securities firms to halt business in South Africa to protest against the country's policy of apartheid.

MEED presents awards

MUSCAT (Agencies) — MEED, a well renowned magazine presented awards to L.H.C. hotels for best hotels and restaurants

in the Gulf region at a prestigious presentation dinner at Dubai Inter Continental. The best hotels in each city were, Dubai Inter Continental, Muscat Inter Continental and the Regency Inter Continental/Bahrain. The best restaurants in each city were, Dubai Inter.Continental, the Regency Inter.Continental/Bahrain and Al Bustan Palace/Muscat. In addition, L.H.C. were again awarded best hotel chain for the second year running.

Ryzhkov wants 'smaller' state sector

Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov says the Soviet Union should make drastic cuts in the state sector to bring it to levels found in Western capitalist countries.

Ryzhkov told a major students conference that state ownership was far too high at about 85 per cent and should be drastically reduced, its place taken by shareholding, leasing and "individual" property.

"We must sharply reduce the share of state property," Ryzhkov said. "State property in its classic form should account for approximately 30 per cent... railways, power stations, gas pipe-lines... these things should always belong to the state." "Incidentally, in many capital-

ist countries, this also lies in the hands of the state," he added. The prime minister's comments were printed in the communist party daily Pravda alongside a new property law, put up for public discussion, which for the first time gives a legal basis to various types of non-state prop-

But Ryzhkov insisted that "exploitation of one person by another" could not be allowed, apparently ruling out the private hiring of workers and making clear the Soviet leadership was not about to reinstate the capitalist system it swept aside in 1917. Ryzhkov said state ownership

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Prime should be replaced by shareholding, cooperatives and leasing as well as "individual" property the nearest official Soviet terminology gets to what is known elsewhere as private property.

"Until now, when we talked about individual property, we thought only about the consumption sphere," he added. "It is foreseen in the draft law that this property can also have a productive character."

"For example, let someone buy a lorry and work with it, we are in favour of that. The main thing is to avoid exploitation of one person by another," he stressed. The draft law, which took a full

page in Pravda, provoked a heated debate when it was first presented in parliament. Radicals said it does not go far enough and hardliners said it dismantled

Some deputies have urged its adoption by the Congress of People's Deputies, the suprer legislature, at its second session starting Dec. 12 but the official news agenty TASS said the majority believed more discussion was needed.

In another article, Pravda said that the Soviet Union's efforts to reduce bloated factory payrolls is leaving millions of people unem-ployed, with the jobless rate soaring to 27 per cent in some areas. The newspaper said it was past

time for the Soviet Union, which

has long styled itself the workers' paradise, to create unemployment insurance and retraining programmes like those of the

The article gave no estimate for overall unemployment in the Soviet Union, but said an "association of the unemployed" has cropped up that claims the mmber of jobless is 23 million Soviets, or 17 per cent of the

It chided a Soviet factory manager for commenting, "I wish I had a couple of jobless outside my gates."

"He meant, obviously, that at his enterprise, productivity would jump, quality of production would increase and discipline would strengthen," Pravda said. But the article called this a dubious conclusion since the workers obviously would have to suppert the jobless.

The Soviet Union has long claimed that unemployment is exclusively found in capitalist countries, which deliberately keep the jobless rate high so factory owners can dictate low wages. It was only last summer that Ryzhkov admitted to the existence of mass unemployment in the Soviet Union. He cited it as a cause of ethnic violence.

Pravda said unemployment has reached 27.6 per cent in Azerbaijan, 25.7 per cent in Tadzhikistan, 22.8 per cent in Uzbekistan, 18.8 per cent in Turkmenia, 18 per cent in Armenia and 16.3 per cent in Kirgizia. All are now-Russian republics along the southern border of the Soviet Union, and all but Kirgizia have reported rioting in the past six

Although those figures add up to roughly 4.3 million workers,

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Pravda continued, "the real reserve of able-bodied workers who could be involved in industry in these regions amounts to about three million." That would bring the overall jobless rate for the

area to roughly 15 per cent.
The article contended that there are plenty of jobs available, but they carry no prestige or they are located far from population

The Soviet Union has a chronic labour shortage in certain areas of the far north and Siberia, rich in resources but with forbidding climates. Workers are paid bonuses to live there. Under Soviet President

Mikhail Gorbachev's economic restructuring programme, Soviet factories are being asked to earn a profit this year and "they are starting to count every kopeck." Pravda said. Already, three million people have lost their jobs to restructur-

ing, and the number will quintu-

ple in the next 16 years, it pre-

dicted. Pravda admitted that strong job security under socialism "has a lowering effect on productivity." It said that "to simply find a place for everyone is both expensive and immoral."

The article quoted a reader as saying he doesn't want unemployment in the Soviet Union, but added a comment from another saying, "our indignation is in the fact that thousands of drunks, thieves and simple beggars, who don't want to work, will receive unemployment benefits."

ment are young, inexperienced workers, women with children, and people approaching or past retirement age, the newspaper

Most vulnerable to unemploy-

'Hoummos' price goes up Tuesday

AMMAN (Petra) — Supply Minister Ibrahim Ayyoub Sunday took a decision fixing the price of chickpeas for consumers at 400 fils per kilogramme, as of Nov. 21.

Sunday's decision cancels and supersedes a decision taken earlier by the minister raising the price of chickpeas from 200 fils to 300 fils.

Commenting on the new rise, a spokesman for the ministry said the rise was triggered by the international increase in the prices of chickpeas, at the end of last year.

The ministry was forced then to import this foodstriff to pro-

citizens, and has itself covered the difference between the actual prices worldwide and in price locally, the source said

Capitalising on the govern-ment subsidised prices, some merchants and restaurant own ers stored the product in large quantities to make use of the price difference thus contributing to a short in the supply of this foodstuff in the local markets.

According to Sunday's decision, the private sector will he allowed to import this product and to sell it to the consumers in accordance with the prices fixed by the ministry.

Sultan tells Omanis to end reluctance to do menial jobs

DUBAI (R) — Urging reduced Philippines, attracted by relative-reliance on foreign labour, Sultan ly high, tax free wages in the Qaboos of Oman has told his people they must not be ashamed to take jobs they think may be beneath their dignity.

"Our people must never be ashamed to carry out... honourable and useful duties in the service of their country,' sultan said in a national day speech in Muscat Saturday.

"It is shameful to permit false pride to provide an excuse that: such work is beneath them," he said in an official translation quoted by the Oman News

Expatriates accounted for over 40 per cent of Oman's workforce in 1988, official figures show.

Many jobs in construction, manufacturing, and service industries are filled by workers from the Indian Subcontinent and the oil-producing Gulf state.

The reluctance of Omanis to take menial jobs "only denies them their role and opportunity, and perpetuates the need for foreign labour," Sultan Qaboos said. "This we cannot accept."

The sultan has also repeatedly urged Omanis to strive for higher education standards to replace professional expatriates.

About half the population of over 1.3 million is under 15 years old and 70 per cent work in agriculture, many at subsistence level economists say.

Sultan Qaboos said companies should give young Omanis more experience in new jobs, but that they should not replace expatriate professionals unless they could match their competence.

Demand for platinum likely to remain high

LONDON (AP) — For the fifth successive year, more platinum will be used this year than is produced in the West because of strong demand from the jewellery and auto industries, the bullion refining and marketing company Johnson Matthey has predicted.

One-third of all platinum is
used by the auto industry in the

As a result, it estimates total
non-communist use in 1989 down catalytic converters of exhanst to 3.425 million ounces (95.9 miltems to remove environment damaging gases.

Demand is rising particularly in

Europe, where controls on exhaust emissions are being tightened to bring them up to U.S. standards, the company said.

Johnson Matthey forecasts a nine per cent rise in platinum consumption by the motor industry in the non-communist world to an all-time high of 1.45 million ounces (40.6 million grammes). It also predicts a seven per

cent increase in purchases by the jewellery industry to 1.265 million ounces (35.4 million grammes), due to booming demand in

Japanese jewellers are exected to buy 1.12 million ounces (31.36 million grammes) this year, up 60,000 ounces (1.68 million grammes).

The company sees less interest in platinum by investors as the only weakness; on the consumption side, with purchases dropping to 165,000 ounces (4.62 million grammes) from 630,000 ounces (17.64 million grammes) last vear.

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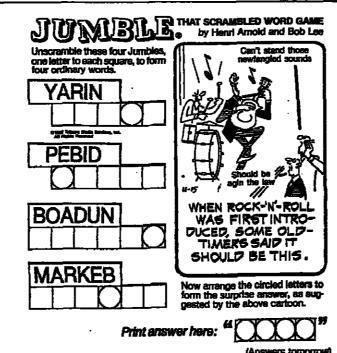
Johnson Matthey estimates that supplies to the West of primary metal - 90 per cent of which comes from South Africa and most of the rest as imports from the Soviet Union — are expected to rise to 3.035 million ounces (92.5 million grammes) from 3.260 million ounces (91.28 million grammes).

Despite the prospect of a supply deficit and another reduction in surplus stocks, Johnson Matthey said it saw "little prospect of a substantial hike" in the price during the rest of the year.

Platinum hit an 18-month low in August of \$470 an ounce, but has risen quite sharply recently hitting a six-month high of \$527, dealers said.



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Chavez stops tough Fuentes

LAS VEGAS (R) — Undefeated Julio Cesar Chavez of Mexico retained his World Boxing Council super lightweight championship on Saturday by stopping a tough but outclassed Sammy Puentes of Puerto Rico when the bout was halted between the 10th and 11th rounds.

Chavez controlled the fight from the second round and battered Fuentes the final five rounds. Chavez landed to the head at will the last two rounds, prompting ring physician Dr. Flip Homansky to stop the bout.

"He had no arguments," said Dr. Homansky about Fuentes's reaction to the stoppage. The challenger's right eye was closed the final two rounds and he bled

The Mexican's victory set the stage for a unification bout nst his International Boxing Federation counterpart, American Meldrick Taylor, in Las Vegas on March 17.
"I started getting hit too much," Fuentes said. "It seemed no matter what I did he was better than me. I tried every trick I knew and he kept coming for-

ward.' Chavez, who has moved up in weight, was not completely satisfied. 'I'm not used to this weight yet. That's why I'm taking another fight next month to be ready for Taylor."

The Mexican has scheduled a non-title fight on December 16 in Mexico City against lightly regarded Alberto Cortez before meeting Taylor.

Chavez, 27, and his multi-milhon-dollar . bout with Taylor never were in jeopardy Saturday. By round three, Chavez, who has held world titles in three weight divisions, was landing his complete arsenal of double left hooks, right and left uppercuts

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East-West vulnerable. South With 27 high-card points in the combined holding, it might seem that declarer should have an easy time, but West led his fourth-best spade,

and right leads.

and the Rule of 11 allowed East to calculate that declarer had only one card higher than the six. It might seem, therefore, that it makes no difference which card East plays. However, it is certain that declarer's one card must be a high honor, for West would not have underled a suit in which he held the three top honors_

Suppose East carelessly inserts the jack. Declarer wins and, since he has only eight tricks, declarer tries in vain to establish a long card in one of the minors for the gamegoing trick. That leaves only one remaining hope. Declarer exits with a spade. West can take his four spade tricks, but then must lead away from the king of hearts to give declarer his ninth trick.

Look at the difference if East follows with the seven of spades to the first trick. When declarer exits with a spade, West can afford to play low, allowing East to win the trick with the jack. East cashes his two minor-suit winners before returning a spade, and the result is down two!

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FORECAST FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1989

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation ARIES: (March 21 to April 19)

Many short trips with your attachment will bring much pleasure. Try to spend money on your property so it is of considerable more value. TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Backing away from promises to friends would be very adverse for you now. Four business projects GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Get around with mate to see as many good friends as you possibly can now. Hold off giving those ques-

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Huddles with experts will bring the answers you need in money matters. Fighting with mate over a intemperate remark would be most unwise.

tionable confidences to your family

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Not getting the support of an expert in business could cause you some apprehension. Direct conversation between you and your loved one will produce excitement.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) A charming lady will now make your social life more pleasant. It is sary to get advice from three people to do your best in a new

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Try to persuade your attachment to go on a trip with you for more happiness. Return to the

pleasures that you formerly enjoyed with your household SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) You will have so many business opportunities you will not know which to accept. Invite out-siders of distinction into your

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Friends will cooper-ate with you now in almost anything that you want them to do. Don't draw away from a more complete understanding at home. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Be open minded to confidential business advice being given to you by experts. Be more romantic with your attachment. Give a present

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Consider but don't yet accept the financial scheme of a friend. A time for much conversation and running around with your PISCES: (February 20 to March

20) Your business experience is

best utilised at your home and with your family now. Use your manual expertise to fix up your home. Today's child: If your child were born today he or she will easily get points across to others and then be able to come to agreement on the fine points and work out all the details in a mutually satisfactory way.

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Navratilova, Shriver end partnership

NEW YORK (R) - Martina Navratilova and Pam Shriver ended their nine-year partnership in a blaze of glory Saturday as they defeated the Soviet team of Larisa Savchenko and Natalia Zvereva 6-3, 6-2 in the doubles final of the million-dollar women's tennis championships.

"Pam and I are not playing together next year," Navratilova said as she accepted the team's \$45,000 first prize check. As if to inject some suspense, she then added: "But we might play together the next year. So, it's

No new partners

For the present, at least, the most successful doubles duo in history are calling it quits though neither has announced a choice for a new doubles partner.

Playing together, they have collected 20 grand slam titles, posted a 109-match winning streak from June 1983 to July 1985, and claimed six-year-end championship crowns. They have also pocketed nearly \$2 million in doubles prizes.

Australian Open

The team, which won this year's Australian Open, announced this summer they would not continue in 1990. Although they did not play together at the 1989 U.S. Open, they teamed up two weeks ago at an event in New England ahead

of this season-end championship. At the New England event, which Navratilova-Shriver won, Navratilova said she suggested the split because she thought she needed a break from the partnership and that Shriver, who has struggled in singles, needed a respite from tennis.

Nevertheless, Saturday's performance suggested anything but a tired, over-familiar relationship as the two moved in unison and with ease about the court.

"Nine years and one month ago someone named Martina called me and asked me to play doubles," said Shriver, smiling at the bittersweet moment of victory. "I was only 18 years old, but it was like the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Bayern Munich leads

BONN (R) - Defending champions Bayern Munich squandered a 2-0 lead against Borussia Dort-mund Saturday but the one point they earned from a draw was enough to put them at the top of the West German first division going into the league's winter break.

Bayern went ahead with goals from Hans-Dieter Flick and Thomas Strunz in the 26th and 28th

Fatal celebration

CAIRO (R) - An eight-year-old boy plunged to his death when he fell off a rooftop while he and his family were celebrating Egypt's victory in a World Cup qualifying soccer match, the daily Al Akhbar said on Sunday.

Egypt beat Algeria 1-0 Friday

to reach the World Cup finals for the first time in 55 years. Thousands of Egyptians took to the streets to rejoice at the triumph.

Mustafa Mahmoud Mohammad was dancing on the seventh floor rooftop, chanting along with fans in the street, when he fell, the newspaper said.

But Dortmund, roared on by the 53,870 capacity crowd, fought back with second half goals from Guenter Breitzke and Andy

The draw put Bayern ahead on goal difference. Like Bayer Leverkusen and Cologne they have 23 points from 17 matches. Cologne, who led the table before Saturday, unexpectedly lost 5-3 to visitors Eintracht

Frankfurt whose Dieter Eckstein contributed a hat-trick. Bayer Leverkusen held Werder Bremen to a scoreless draw to enable them to take second place

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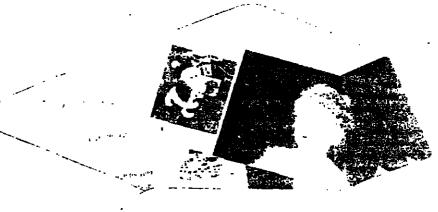
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Shevardnadze

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze

has disclosed that he wrote love

poems in his youth but was too

shy to have them published. He

revealed the romantic side of his nature as he sipped tea in his

office with members of an Association of Soviet and Foreign

Women Journalists in Moscow.

Responding to their questions ab-

out his private life, Shevard-

poetry as a young man but stop-ped "when I understood that nothing would come of it." He

said he wrote "about various" things — about love. There were

many reasons for being inspired

to write poems. None was pub-

lished because I was too modest."

Shevardnadze said. He blushed

as several of his visitors began to-laugh and added: "Let's not talk about it." Shevardnadze, a tall

man with a sweeping forehead

topped by a shock of white hair,

is the former Communist Party

chief of the Caucasian Republic

of Georgia, which is famous for

its poets and singers. Shevard-nadze said he had a hard time in

his youth because of World War

II and along with others of his generation suffered "all kinds of

sorrows." He was born in 1928 in

the west Georgian village of

"As far as my private life is

concerned I don't have any family

problems," he said, but added that his wife Nanuli sometimes

criticised him for not finding as

much time to read fiction as he

did before he took his present job

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Mamati, the son of a teacher

nadze, 61, admitted he penned &

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Fighting continues in El Salvador

Pope urged to withdraw bishops

SAN SALVADOR (R) — The attorney-general has asked Pope John Paul to temporarily withdraw liberal Catholic bishops from El Salvador because they may be killed by people who believe they are rebel sympathisers.

of the University of Central America, and came as a leftist rebel offensive entered its second week with more than 1,000 peo-

In a personal letter to the Pope, Attorney-General Mauricio Eduardo Colorado said:

"There has been for some time in this suffering country a tendency called the "popular church" to which... many sectors of the population have attributed much of the violent events that have shaken El Salvador for many years, and have culminated in the rebel actions of the past week. Colorado said he was not writ-

ing on behalf of the government. Czech

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The warning followed the murder of six Jesuit priests in San Salvador, among them the rector ment statement saying President ment statement saying President Alfredo Cristiani had instructed that it not be published.

The archbishop of San Salvador meanwhile linked the killing of the six Jesuits three days ago with the 1980 murder of his predecessor, Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero.

In an interview from San Salvador with Vatican Radio, Archbishop Arturo Rivera Damas said the Jesuits had been accused on a radio programme of supporting armed insurrection shortly before they were shot dead by 30 gunmen.

Asked who he thought had murdered them, Rivera Damas
said: "They are the same as those many of them carrying wounded

who assassinated Monsignor Oscar Romero."

Romero, an outspoken defender of the poor who often denounced government repression from his pulpit, was shot dead while saying mass on March 24, 1980. His murder was never solved but was widely attributed to a right-wing death squad.

Threats presumed to come from rightist death squads also forced Nicaragua to evacuate its diplomats from San Salvador.

This doesn't signify a break in relations but a precaution because of death threats that we were constantly receiving over the telephone," said Norman Lacayo, charge d'affaires at Nicaragua's embassy in San Sal-

Heavy fighting continued on the outskirts of the capital Satur-day as the week-old rebel offensive showed no sign of winding

on makeshift stretchers, fled from the working-class district of Mejicanos where fighting has raged

The refugees said rebels were still holed up in their strongholds inside Mejicanos where rebel chieftain Facundo Guardado has vowed to fight to the last man. The guerrillas said Saturday they shot down a government air

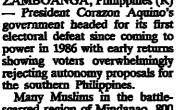
force plane in the eastern city of

San Miguel.

The Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) said in a radio boradcast monitored by the Cuban News Agency Prensa Latina in Managua that the A-37 "Dragonfly" was brought down at 1:20 p.m. local time (1920 GMT) over the guerrilla-held neighbourhood of El Molino on

the outskirts of San Miguel. FMLN guerillas say they have killed or wounded more than 800 government troops and destroyed 11 government helicopters since they launched the nationwide offensive.

Aguino faces defeat in autonomy poll



the government autonomy plan was thrown out by wide margins,

according to preliminary, unoffi-

cial returns broadcast by state

In Zamboanga, the largest city

in the proposed autonomous re-

gion, rejection in Christian areas

was running at 90 per cent of ballots cast, and at 95 per cent in

Iligan city, another major Christ-

In Muslim areas of Zamboan-

ga, voting stations were deserted

and officials reported only five to

the existence of an official South

African death squad gathered

momentum Sunday when a third

South African policeman alleged

that it killed anti-apartheid lead-

The Johannesburg Sunday

Times said former police const-able David "spyker" Tshikalange

admitted in an interview he

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backs death squad report

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PRAGUE (AP) — Demonstra-tors demanding an end to Com-munist Party domination lit candles and placed flowers on blodstained sidewalks where police attacked protesters in the largest (MNLF) to boycot the controvesuch rally in 20 years. sial poli. In Christian-dominated areas

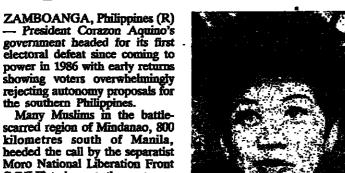
Six theatres cancelled shows Saturday night as actors and students called for strikes to protest police brutality at Friday night's demonstration, in which whitehelmeted policemen clubbed hundreds of peaceful protesters.

Tens of thousands of students marched Friday for five hours to commemorates student Jan Opletal, killed by Nazis 50 years ago. When demonstrators tried to reach central Wenceslas Square, police attacked them with tear

gas, dogs and clubs. One student was fatally beaten near the square, according to the Washington Post. It quoted witnesses as saying Martin Smid died after being clubbed by two riot policemen. His friends said Smid fell to the ground after being struck several times on the head and shoulders and police kept on beating him, the newspaper said Sunday.

> Prague denies killing of student

A Czechoslovak government spokesman denied Sunday that anyone who participated in Friday's pro-democracy demonstration in Prague had died.



Corazon Aquino

State radio reported that the closest result announced so far. was in the Muslim heartland of Marawi where 52 per cent of voters rejected autonomy, 40 per cent were in favour and the rest of the votes were invalid.

boycott campaign by certain groups was effective. On the whole, the 'no' (rejection) votes were overwhelming the 'yes' (for autonomy) votes," election Com-missioner Haydee Yorac said. Five Muslim separatists were

"To a certain extent, the

killed in scattered incidents

Coetzee left the country after

telling his story to the Liberal

Afrikaans-language weekly Vrye

His wife, Karin, told two Sun-

day newspapers she heard from

him daily by telephone, but did

not know where he was. She said

she and their sons aged 11 and 13

around Mindanao and voting was disrupted in several villages in the interior as guerrillas seized ballot boxes and poll officials re-fused to work, fearing rebel violence, military reports said.
"We succeeded. This streng-

thens our stand. We are victorious," MNLF spokesman Zain Jali said as the frend towards a big 'no' built up.

Asked if the Aquino government would now have to reopen talks with the MNLF which broke down in 1987, Jali said: "They have one million reasons to sit down and talk with us." Despite Aquino's call for a large voter turnout, election offi-

cials an hour before close of polling reported turnouts of only 40 to 45 per cent in many areas of the 13 provinces proposed to be included in the autonomous re-Manila hoped the plebiscite for

partial autonomy in a region of nine million Christians and Muslims would end decades of bloodshed in Mindanao, where an MNLF-led separatist war killed more than 50,000 people in the



New poll predicts Gandhi defeat

NEW DELHI (R) - An opinion poll Sunday predicted a resound-ing defeat for Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party in this week's Indian elections.
The poll, for India Today, one

of the country's two main news magazines, said Congress would win only 195 seats in the 545member parliament.

It was the second poll bringing bad news for Gandhi in four days. A poll for Sunday, India's other main magazine, said the best Congress could hope for was 240 seats, but a more likely figure was

Congress won 415 seats in the last elections in 1984 on a wave of sympathy after Gandhi's mother and predecessor, Indira, was assassinated. Gandhi, trying to persuade the world's largest democracy to re-

turn him to power, arrived back in the capital Saturday showing signs of strain after a frenzied campaign tour of the provinces. Gandhi, who is seeking a new five-year term in general elec-tions starting Wednesday, plunged straight into a series of

New Delhi election rallies. The strain of a campaign trail which has taken him from India's deep south to Calcutta in the east to the desert state of Rajasthan in the west within a few days was evident when he arrived at the first of three late-night rallies.

His voice was hoarse and at one point he needed an aide to remind him of his Congress Party's seven candidates in the Delhi

"What were those seven names?" he asked, to laughter from the audience.

The prime minister arrived in New Delhi from the north Indian city of Patna where he promised lavish compensation for families of the more than 200 people killed in Hindu-Muslim clashes Religious violence, sparked by

a dispute over a sacred site claimed by both faiths in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, has emerged as one of the main issues in the election. Political analysts believe the

temple dispute will severely damage Gandhi.

Leaders of India's 100 million Muslims have told their followers not to vote for his Congress Party, which has ruled the nation of 800 million people for all but two years since independence from Britain in 1947. In Patna, Gandhi promised

100,000 rupees (\$6,250) in compensation to each of the victims of religious violence in the district of Bhagalpur, still under army control after four days of carnage last month.

Annual per capita income in India is less than \$300.

In his Delhi speech, Gandhi trod well-worn paths, accusing the opposition of supporting Sikh separatism in north India's Puniab state and of fostering religious

"It is strange that those who claim to be patriotic overtly and covertly support the secessionist forces," he said.

Meanwhile, one of 40 candidates running against Gandhi in this week's elections in India is missing, intelligence sources said Under India's election laws,

polling in a constituency is postponed if a candidate dies. The missing man, independent candidate Bhagwati Prasad, 40,

had not been seen for weeks in Amethi, the seat Gandhi is seeking to hold in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, the sources said. Nor had he been seen in Mathura, his home town which is also in Uttar Pradesh, they added. "Teams of policemen are look-

ing for Bhagwati Prasad in the state and outside. But we have found no trace of him so far," one source said. The election in Amethi, near

the Uttar Pradesh capital of Lucknow, is scheduled for Wednesday. It would be post-poned if Prasad is found to be dead before the first votes are

better condoms

Soviets need

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviet Union could produce better-quality condoms and other needed contraceptives in joint ventures with Western com-panies, British family planner David Malcolm Potts said. Potts, president of the Private Family Health International Agency, pointed to the attraction of lowcost Soviet labour combined with Western companies' capital to import scarce raw materials. "In the United States, every other woman will have an abortion in the course of her life; the average Soviet woman will have three and half to seven abortions," said Potts, who recently attended a family planning conference in the Soviet Union: Some Western experts estimate the average Russian woman will have nine abortions.

Reagan: There was more money in movies than Japan

NEW YORK (AP) — Ex-President Ronald Reagan says he could have earned more than the \$2 million he reportedly got for his controversial trip to Japan by reviving his acting career, but that would be "cashing in on the presidency." The trip was aimed at expanding trade with the Japanese, Reagan says in an interview with reporter Barbara Walters on the U.S. television programme "20-20." During the interview, Ms. Walters noted that Reagan has been criticised for reportedly accepting the \$2 million from Fujisankei Communica tions Group, a Japanese media company that sponsored the recent trip. Some have said the fee "just isn't very presidential," she said. "There would have been more money than that if I'd decided to go back to my original career and go back to pictures," Reagan replied. "I would have made a lot more money, but I happen to feel that going back to something like the motion picture industry - even though I had been an actor for so many years - would be cashing in on the presidency."

Cooper wanted to be an artist

NEW YORK (AP) — Gary Cooper's daughter, Maria Cooper Janis, says her father started out wanting to be an artist, while painter Pablo Picasso fancied himself a hand with a six-shooter... Cooper, hero of many a Western film in his 98-movie acting career. was always sketching and "was frustrated that he never had the time to make good paintings," Maria Cooper Janis wrote in a remembrance of her father in the latest issue of parade magazine "Picasso and his wife, Jacqueline were friends of my parents, and we often visited them in the south of France," she said. "On one visit, poppa presented the painter with a six-shooter and the white Stetson he had worn in Saraioga Trunk.' Picasso was thrilled, and the two of them spent the afternoon firing at beer cans they set up as targets.

helped to kill black civil rights would wait in Pretoria until he lawyer Griffiths Mxenge in 1981. was settled abroad with a job. Asked if any of the demon-Tshikalange's claims supported "What he was made public is strators had died, spokesman charges by former police Captain the truth," she told the pro-Marcel Jansen told Reuters: Johannes Coetzee in a newspaper government Sunday newspaper interview last week that he Rapport. "He is not lying." Johannes Coetzee in a newspaper "That can be excluded."

EAST BERLIN (R) — East Germany's feared state security service will no longer be used as a big brother tool of political oppression, its chief Dr. Wolf-

gang Schwanitz told Reuters. In the first exclusive interview with a Western correspondent in his 38-year career, he said the former State Security Ministry was slashing manpower by four to five thousand It intended to give up office

space and barracks, including a 480-room hostel for operatives in East Berlin. "No intelligence service in the

world is going to give concrete information on its strength. But this much I will say, 4,000 to 5,000 is a lot," he said at the weekend. Western intelligence experts

estimate the ministry had about 20,000 permanent staff, an elite guards regiment of 7,000 and a highly-efficient network of countless informants "I have to object to the use of

the word snooping ... but the thrust of your question is correct — the work of the former Ministerium Fuer Staatssicherheit was too broadly defined," Schwanitz A suave, white-haired man.

looking fit for his 59 years, he gave the interview in a quiet corner of the Volkskammer (parliament) an hour after being voted into office in a televised session that showed East Germany his face for the first time.

Known to insiders as "the firm" and to the public as the reviled "stasi", the ministry has been downgraded to an office of national security in the reformist cabinet of Prime Minister Hans

'We will now concentrate

purely on national security tasks," he said. These included intelligence, counter-intelligence, anti-terrorist work and combating neo-fascism and right-wing ex-

"I want expressly to distinguish between the persecution of possible dissidents and the fight against anti-constitutional activities," he said. Politics was for politicians.

The lieutenant-general, impeccably dressed and sporting a black Japanese wristwatch, fielded questions as if he had dealt with the press all his life. He conceded he was relieved to be able to speak about his work in public after almost 40 years in the

shadows. "This is a first for me," he chuckled, adding that secrecy had been thrust upon his ministry from above as part of a now

discredited security policy.
Asked about plainclothes agents seen savagely beating de-monstrators on Oct. 7 during a wave of mass protests, Schwamtz said: "Be sure of it that will never

happen again.' Operatives no longer needed in the post-Berlin Wall era could work as customs officials at new crossing points opened to cope with what Schwanitz called the "avalanche" of visitors to the West. East Germany introduced

free travel on Nov. 9. He did not rule out further cuts in the number of staff working at the vast Normannenstrasse headquarters, one of the largest and best-guarded complexes in the

whole country. "We will see," he added when asked whether some of this space

might also be handed over to the

public, clamouring for modern

apartments and offices.

No more big brother, new East German security chief promises

He said it was self-evident his

organisation could cooperate

with Western intelligence services

to fight terrorism and drug-traf-Alongside the Soviet KGB intelligence service, the East Germans have scored some of the most damaging espionage succes-ses against the West. East Berlin's Guenter Guillaume was a trusted aide to West German Chancellor Willy Brandt until he

was uncovered as a spy in 1974. Flashing a copy of a West German newspaper article he said had "fallen into his hands," Schwanitz pointed to a headline which read "despite perestroika,

no let-up for 007 units." The article quoted West German counter-intelligence experts as saying they still had plenty of work and could have even more given the newly open borders.

"That doesn't just apply to their side," he said, folding the article with a flourish and slipping it back into the pocket of his midnight-blue suit with a grin. Schwanitz likened his new security force to an amalgam of West Germany's Myriad intelligence outfits, combining spying, counter-intelligence and military

espionage. Schwanitz ran the East Berlin security operation for 12 years then took over three years ago as deputy minister in charge of operational technology and information-gathering" apparently electronic eavesdrop-

Expanding on his sparse offi-cial biography, Schwanitz dis-closed he has seven grandchildren, a passion for football and swimming and two sons "who have followed in my footsteps."

Walesa looks ahead for 'Europe without borders'

darity leader Lech Walesa, who 10 years ago was inspired by the vision of a peaceful revolution in the Soviet Bloc, is telling Americans now that he foresees a united Europe, without cold war

divisions. "The wall that was separating people from freedom has collapsed." Walesa told Congress last week in a speech celebrating his success not only in creating free unions in Poland but in forging the first non-Communist government in the Soviet Bloc. The end of a divided Europe

has long been a U.S. policy refrain. But U.S. decision-makers are being forced to examine the prospect anew, and quickly, given the rapid changes under way in Poland, Hungary and East Germany, symbolised by the opening of the Berlin Wall. "The wall itself is a paradox...

it is an abnormal situation," Walesa said in an interview... The reforms in Poland and

Hungary shuld lead to a political and economic integration of Europe, "a Europe in which there are no borders," Walesa said. He said that with the destruction of the Berlin Wall, East and West Germany should be

"The German problem must be solved, but as part of the integration of the whole of Europe, and not against anybody," he said. "Not on the Nazi model, not the Stalin model, but a new and

peace, tranquility," said Walesa, who won the Nobel Peace Prize East European reformers have been inspired in part by the economic integration of Western Europe planned for 1992, said Francis Fukiyama, a deputy director of the State Department

policy planning staff.
"If you look at Poland and Hungary, the prospect of being left behind as the train leaves the station will stimulate the introduction of market economies, Fukiyama said Friday in a speech to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Integration of the European Community is likely to "heal the divisions of Europe," he said. We do look forward to the EC playing an important political as well in economic role."

Walesa's concept of an undivided Europe sounds a bit like Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's vision of a "common

European home." And U.S. President George Bush expressed similar sentiments in a letter to Gorbachev Friday, said White House spokes-

"He said the United States wiser model that has to bring wants a calm and peaceful period of change in Eastern Europe as Poland, Hungary and East Germany seek to implement their reforms. The president said he believes these historic steps will make a positive contribution to a Europe that is whole and free." Fitzwater said.

man Marlin Fitzwater.

Walesa, steering Poland away from 45 years of what he calls destructive Soviet control, clearly does not envision a Europe under the Russian or German domina-German reunification "is a

complicated problem," he said. adding that two world wars in this century started because of German expansionism. "I remember how much

Europe and the world paid for Nazism," Walesa said, noting that Poland was the first nation invaded by the armies of Adolf Although he praised Gor-

bachev, Walesa was not willing to forget the brutality of Josef Sta-

on Poland and the other nations

of Eastern Europe. Discussing Solidarity's efforts to dismantle Poland's Soviet-style economic and political system, Walesa said "our task is viewed with understanding by our Eastern neighbours and their leader Mikhail Gorbachev."

"This understanding lays foundations for new relations between Poland and USSR, much better than before. These improved mutual relations will also contribute to stabilisation and peace in Europe, removing use-less tensions," Walesa told Con-

Walesa came to America's big-

gest Polish-American community in Chicago to seek financial help for Poland's struggling economy, but he said Saturday he did not arrive with his "hat held out." "I have come here to prove that our system does not beg... but appeals to you as teachers, to help us to step onto the right path of development," Walesa said at

Polish American Congress. "We want to learn from you how to develop a country, how to move it from a system that failed

a meeting with officials of the

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Trailer fire in U.S. kills 9

MAXTON, North Carolina (AP) - An early morning blaze gutted a trailer in a rural area, killing a mother, her five children and three other children, authorities said. Two adults escaped. one of them the mother of three of the children who had to be restrained from re-entering the blazing trailer, neighbours and officials said. The fire erupted about 4 a.m. on one of the first cold nights of the season and quickly engulfed a single trailer sitting on a wooded lot off a rural dirt road, said Robeson County sheriff's dispatcher Gene Lambert. The cause of the fire was under investigation. Neighbours said the woman who was restrained from re-entering the trailer was a relative of Lois Ann Hunt, the only victim who was immediately identified.

Socialists win Japan mayoral election

TOKYO (R) — A pro-Socialist candidate Sunday defeated his rival from Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) in a key mayoral election billed as a prelude to general elections expected next February, public television NHK reported. NHK said computer projections showed that Kiyoshi Takahashi, a former deputy mayor supported by the Japan Socialist Party, the small Socialist Democratic Federation and the Japan Communist Party would be elected as mayor of Kawasaki.

Vietnam holds local elections

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - More than half of Vietnam's population was expected to go to the polls Sunday in nationwide elections at the local level, Radio Hanoi said. The official broadcast, monitored in Bangkok, said voter turnout at one Hanoi polling station was 92.2 per cent. No results were announced. Nearly 34 million voters were expected to take part in the balloting, the broadcast said. Vietnam's population is more than 64 million.

Escaped convict killed in Germany

FRANKFURT (AP) - Two suspected escaped convicts shot to death four men in a Bavarian bar, seized a hostage, and led police on a 300-kilometre chase ending in the death of one gunman, officials said Sunday. The violence began early Saturday, when the two gunnen killed four men in a bar in the Bavarian town of Laaber and wounded two others after demanding money from them, said police. Police said the two men - believed to be Dieter Em and Helmut Bergmayer, both escapees from an Austrian prison — fled the scene in a Honda car that had been stolen in Austria. Later in the day, after slipping out the back door of a garage where police had followed them, the gunmen burst into a house near Neumarkt, Bavaria, grabbed a 26-year-old woman hostage and fled with her in the woman's Audi, said police. Hans Kuffer, spokesman for Hesse state police in Wiesbaden, said police caught up with the assailants late Saturday night south of Frankfurt. About 300 kilometres from where the killings occurred. One of the gunmen died in an ensuing shootout with Bavarian and Hesse state police, and the other was wounded, Kuffer said.

Vatican Communism is exhausted

VATICAN CITY (AP) - The Vatican newspaper has said that Communism is "exhausted" and that the world is overcoming the idea that a political system can liberate people by violence and restraint on ideas. L'Osservatore Romano noted in a front-page editorial that dramatic change was taking place in East Germany, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia. "Historically, after the abyss of the Second World War ... the most serious turbulence stemmed from another totalitarian and schematic ideology that became a system - Marxism-Leninism... that is today clearly exhausted even by admission of its own followers," the editorial said